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## EDITORIAL

We are Canada. As the youth of this nation you and I have a vital role to play in the future, not only of Canada, but also of the world. When we say "I am a Canadian", just what does that mean? What is a Canadian? What is so important about Canada?

For the answer to these questions, let us take a brief look at Canada's position in the world to-day. The most obvious aspect of this is that she is a link between the United States and Great Britain; the go-between or glue that may or may not stick the two, now greatest, western powers together. The preservation of this bond is necessary to the future of our way of life and if there is a split the west could be overrun and destroyed.

Another factor of importance is Canada's tremendous natural resources. The age of nuclear fission is upon us and the nation which holds the raw materials controls the production of power which may be used for peace or war. All the leading commercial metals, except tin, are found within Canada's borders; she possesses nine-tenths of the known nickel supply of the world and leads in the production of asbestos. Of greatest significance is the presence of the world's chief deposit of uranium near the eastern end of Great Bear Lake. Canada is a land of new industry and the education of its youth in the intricacies of science and engineering is imperative. In fact, higher education of all kinds is vital to the future of a nation which, one day, could lead the world. We, the young people of Canada, have been given the facilities to achieve such a standard of learning. Let us make use of them!

So there we are; a young nation, playing a big game and holding a big ball. To-day Canada is young, but tomorrow she will have matured and so will we. It is up to you and me to decide upon what sort of a future Canada should have and to work towards that future. We, at Branksome, have already learned the tenets of a prosperous and rewarding future: truth, honesty, justice and purity. Let us build on these cornerstones not only in our personal lives, but also in the life of our country. There are two examples from which we may draw ideas as to our future national character. We may turn to our southern neighbour and become a wealthy nation of big deals, square deals and fair deals, or we may turn to our Mother Country and pattern ourselves after a nation which has lived for a thousand years in understatement, pageantry, tradition and reform. Or, the Canadian may be a blending of the two, learning from the technology of the one and the reserve and moral correctness of the other. As a school we have established links in both directions, but the strongest link reaches out to the older, stabler, proven land that is Britain.

To obtain maturity should not youth look more to its Mother for guidance than to its neighbour?

THE EDITOR

## *To the Graduating Class of 1957*

My Dear Girls:

Your days at school are over, although you will continue to learn, I hope, as long as life shall last. We have tried above all to teach you that the only life worth living is the life that lived for others.

Our Lord said, "I have come that you might have light and have it more abundantly", but he did not mean abundant with the things and possessions with which we today are burdened. This "Life Eternal" is a Life of Quality, rather than a Life of Quantity. Our Lord said, "Is not the life more than meat and the body than raiment".

You have already been given so much, the opportunities which lie before you are endless and a full life is ready for all who will accept the call. The price is heavy because it is all we possess, but remember when life is over all we take with us is what we have given away.

May you ever strive to lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven where neither moth nor dust doth corrupt and you will find that where your treasure is there will your heart be also.

God bless you all.

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## INSTALLATION OF PREFECTS

The installation of Prefects is a thrilling ceremony for all those connected with Branksome Hall. It is both a colourful spectacle and an inspiring service for in it are embodied the highest purposes of our school and ultimately of our lives.

To a Prefect it is particularly memorable, for it marks the culmination of a vital stage in her career. At least she may wear the red kilt, which she cherishes as a symbol of the many years she has enjoyed at Branksome; years of working and playing; of giving and receiving.

As she follows the resplendent procession of Sub-Prefects proudly wearing their scarlet bands, of Clan Chieftains bearing their hard-won banners, and of the staff who have made this day possible for her, she is filled with gratitude and a desire to a new, and even more important chapter to the history of her school.

During Miss Read's speech, in which our principal explains once again the early Scottish traditions of Branksome, and the four principles on which it is founded: truth, honesty, justice and purity, the Prefect realizes more clearly than ever before that these must be the basis for the coming chapter which she will help to write.

Finally, her name is called and she mounts the chancel steps to receive Miss Read's congratulations. This is the proudest moment of all, for she is now officially installed as a Prefect of Branksome.

## THE SECOND INSTALLATION

It has been a custom of Branksome for several years to hold a second installation of Prefects during the middle term. On January twenty-first, four new Prefects and five Sub-Prefects were installed, and we were proud to welcome them as leaders of the school.

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## THE NEW BUILDING

1956-57 will long be remembered at Branksome. Chief among these memories will be terrazzo floors, Miss Claxton beaming at her fume cupboard, "No admittance" signs on the Scott House door, exhausted librarians moving books and the Opening Day of the New Building. Seldom has a building been more thoroughly inspected. A passing parade of five hundred students, their parents, and friends left little undiscovered. They noticed the "almost permanent" retort stands (they screw out of the desk tops), the sink covers and the oxygenated aquarium in the new laboratories. In the library they were greeted by the clan standards, school flags, a fine encyclopedia, donated by the graduating class and three beautiful



lithographs loaned for the opening by Karl May. Feet echoing across the famed terrazzo floors stopped to admire the new position of the most recent honour boards in the foyer of the new wing. With expressions of glee smug Arts students led their guests to the new classrooms occupied by IV and V Arts. After seeing all the new sights, visitors watched Scottish dancing, gymnastics and basketball in the gymnasium and ornamental swimming displays in the pool. An excellent tea was served in the dining room and all gathered there to discuss and praise the addition.

Everywhere it was said that, without Miss Read, Branksome could never have grown to be the school that it is to-day. The whole day signified her success at Branksome, a success made possible by her unfailing guidance and outstanding leadership.



#### SLOGAN EDITORS

Elizabeth Graham (Advertising), Miss Livingston, Catharine Clark (Editor-in-Chief), Miss Congdon.

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General Committee: Gail Burton, Patricia Gordon, Patricia Hamilton, Sheila Harvie,

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# APPOINTMENTS 1956 - 1957



## HEAD GIRL — Jane Watson

### HOUSE PREFECTS

Nancy Fletcher, Kathleen Kerr, Patricia McConnell, Sandra Sinclair

### DAY PREFECTS

Catherine Aylesworth, Edith Bell, Mary Breckenridge, Jane Burt, Catherine Clark, Margot Dunn, Judith Durance, Patricia Gordon, Elizabeth Graham, Sandra Holm, Lisa Inksater, Catherine Johnston, Pamela Kerr, Jeanne Monier, Anne Moore, Pamela Thompson

### SUB-PREFECTS (House)

Penny Lucas, Patricia O'Hara, Valerie Pearson, Elizabeth Stephen

### SUB-PREFECTS (Day)

Carolyn-Penny Abernethy, Diana Ede, Sheila Harvie, Louise Holden, Janet Box, Heather Anne Holt, Britta Madsen, Cynthia Reid, Joyce Sanderson, Eleanor Tow

### CLAN CHIEFTAINS

Campbell—Regena Russell  
Douglas—Mary Ireland  
MacAlpine—Janet Box  
MacGregor—Joan Henson  
McLean—Gail Burton  
McLeod—Jacqueline Burroughs  
Ross—Catherine Aylesworth  
Scott—Margaret Benson

### SUB-CHIEFTAINS

Susan Coxeter  
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Form IIIB—Diane Walker  
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Form IIB—Anne Ross  
Form II Arts—Sharon Howes  
Form IAI—Janet Ament  
Form IA2—Patricia ter Borg  
Form IB—Joan Ridgeway

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Heather Whelan



## PRIZE LIST, 1956

### Junior School

#### General Proficiency

- Grade 1—Elizabeth Barlow.
- Grade 2—Jane Rapp.
- Grade 3—Jean Willet.
- Grade 4—Mary Robinson.
- Grade 5—Angela Fusco.
- Grade 6—Carol Campbell,  
Gail Corbett.
- Grade 7—Betsy Stewart.  
Lillianna  
Genyk-Berezowsky.
- Grade 8B—Margot Lathrop.
- Grade 8A—Carene Smith,  
Joan Dixon.

#### Scripture

Katherine Connolly.

**Special Prize** (5 years' perfect attendance)—

Mary Tweedell.

#### General Proficiency Certificates

##### Form I

Katharine Adam, Sandra Bell, Jill Bethune-Williams, Beverley Bothwell, Susan Brown, Donna Bull, Wendy Burns, Nina Hardie, Judith Ireland, Wendy Thompson, Carole Tovell.

##### Form II

Gail Adams, Penelope Alexan-



MISS READ AND PREFECTS

First row: Sandra Sinclair, Pamela Thompson, Jane Burt, Miss Read, Pamela Kerr, Lisa Inksater, Catherine Clark.

Second row: Patricia McConnell, Mary Breckenridge, Catharine Aylesworth, Jane Watson, Judith Durance, Edith Bell.

Third row: Kathleen Kerr, Elizabeth Graham, Margo Dunn, Catharine Johnston, Sandra Holm, Jeanne Monier, Anne Moore.

der, Jocelyn Ayres, Susan Coxeter, Nadine Griffiths, Isolde Koenig, Kady MacDonald, Katherine McEachern, Catherine McMullen, Isetta Menegazzi, Martha Robinson, Judith Rule, Nora Stearns, Caroline Stanley-Porter, Lynn Williams, Ann Wright.

### Form III

Adrienne Allan, Margaret Benson, Jacqueline Burroughs, Gail Burton, Ann Dixon, Patricia Hamilton, Joan Henson, Betty-Lou Joynt, Linda Penney, Sandra Simpson, Joanne Valiant, Mary Jane Whiting, Helen Young, Linda Young.

### Form IV

Catherine Clark, Diana Ede, Patricia Gordon, Elizabeth Graham, Catherine Johnston, Kathleen Kerr, Pamela Thompson, Jane Watson.  
English—Sandra Holm.

### Form V

History—Jennifer Campbell, Sheila Westman.  
Mathematics—Jane Garden.  
Biology—Patricia Hopkins.  
Latin—Geraldine Damen.  
French—Linda Stearns.  
Secretarial Course — Margaret Lapointe.  
History of Art, V Arts—Sandra Cuthbert.  
History of Art, IV Arts—Britta Madsen.  
Interior Decoration, IV Arts—Penny Ramsay.  
Home Economics, V Arts—Joanne Adams.

### Essay Prizes

Junior School—Wendy Worthington, Jennifer Holbrook.  
Senior School—Catherine Clark,

Katherine McEachern, Nora Stearns.

Poetry—Pamela Kerr.

Contribution to Music—Anne Moore.

Neatness in Junior Residence—Diane Weber.

Co-operation in Main Residence—Kathleen Kerr.

### Sports Awards, 1956

#### Swimming

Senior—Gail Burton.  
Intermediate—Mary Jull.  
Junior—Virginia Ellis.

#### Diving—Jeanne Monier.

#### Basketball

Form Championship — IIIA—Captain Margaret Benson,  
Clan Championship—Ross.

#### Badminton

Intermediate—Margaret Benson.  
Senior Singles—Janis Lovering.  
Senior Doubles—Janis Lovering, Judith Howell.

#### Tennis

Intermediate—Lynn Williams.  
Senior Singles—Margaret Benson.  
Senior Doubles—Margaret Benson, Joan Henson.

#### Sports Day

Senior Championship — Joan Sanderson.  
Intermediate Championship — Patricia Strathy.  
Junior Championship—Victoria Parmenter.  
100-yard Dash—Ann Dixon.

#### Bowling

Helen, Laundry, Claudia Steeves.

#### Clan Award

MacAlpine.

#### McLeod Award to Chieftain

Anne Moore.

#### Integrity

\*Joyce Walker, †Diane Dunn.



### Sportsmanship

\*Susan Strathy, †Janis Lovering.

### Service

\*Geraldine Damon, †Catherine Buchanan.

### Loyalty

\*Lois Wilson, †Margaret Bull.

### Perseverance

\*Nancy Hanning, †Patricia Wilson.

### School Spirit

\*Katherine Broughall, †Ruth Walmsley.

### Comradship

†Judith Howell.

\*Day. †House.

### Best All Round Girl

Linda Stearns.

### Prizes for Co-operation

Myra Tupker, Betty Follett,

Marianne Kalbfliesh, Priscilla Hu, Judith Durance.

### Margaret T. Scott Memorial Prizes Memorizing Scripture

Judith Howell, Regena Russell, Joy Swallow.

### Medals

### Ruth Caven Memorial Medal for Scholarship

#### Form IV

Sandra Holm.

### School Medal for Scholarship

#### Form V

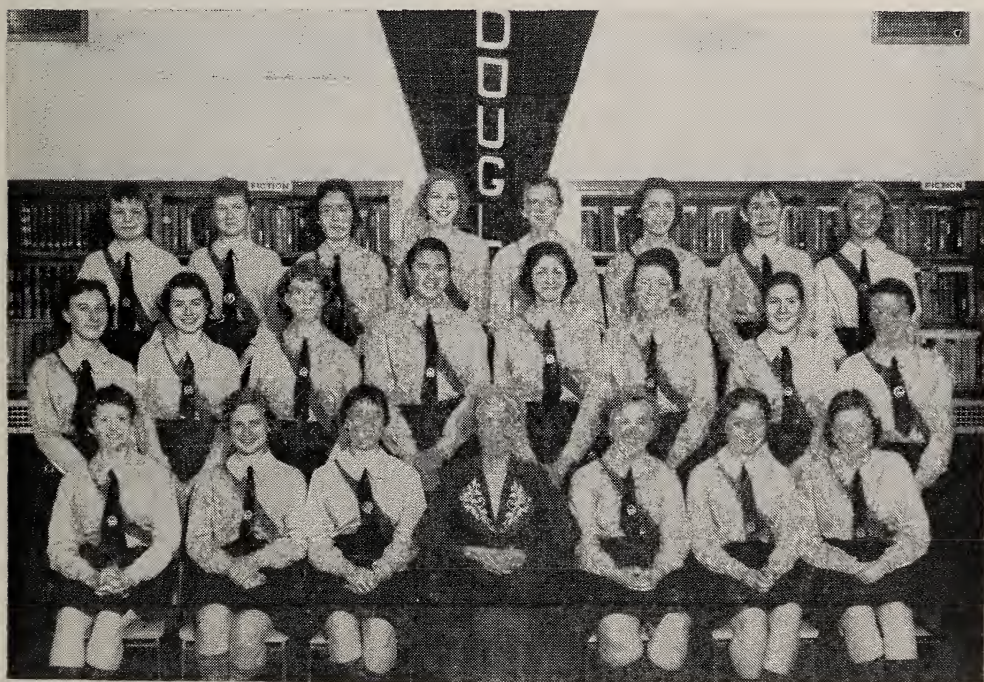
Sheila Westman.

### Governor General's Medal

Jane Garden.

### Jean Hume Memorial Medal for Leadership

Linda Stearns.



MISS READ AND SUB-PREFECTS

First row: Jacqueline Burroughs, Louise Holden, Regena Russell, Miss Read, Britta Madsen, Sheila Harvie, Penny Lucas.

Second row: Heather Anne Holt, Eleanor Tow, Diane Ede, Cynthia Reid, Elizabeth Stephens, Arlene Walker, Patricia O'Hara, Margaret Benson.

Third row: Valerie Pearson, Gay Box, Penny Abernethy, Mary Ireland, Sally Cox, Gail Burton, Joan Henson, Joyce Sanderson.

## HEAD GIRL'S MESSAGE

"Almighty God . . . we pray Thee to bless this school, that whatsoever things are true, honest, just, and pure, may here forever flourish and abound."

As another school year draws to a close, I look back upon it as one of progress in spirit, in character, and in learning; and yet I pause and wonder. Has every girl entered into the school activities wholeheartedly, eager to make friends, anxious to do her part, honestly desirous of playing the game?

Each of us will receive from her school life only what she contributes. In the years to come, we will never look back with regret on what we have given, yet we shall despair of that which we have not.

Each girl has a part to play in the growth of this great school. Both the tiniest child in grade one and the prefect in the fifth form represent Branksome. All through our years in the school we must not only play the game and strive to live by our corner stones of truth, honesty, justice and purity, but also we must be a part of the spirit that is Branksome. We must endeavour to enlarge the school with a wider influence and what is most important, to preserve in it an unblemished name.

Miss Read, the staff and we, the students, are that spirit of which we are so proud. We are Branksome. Let us continue to make it the school to which we may always say we are proud to belong.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Think on these things and you too will "Keep Well the Road."





# BRANKSOME EVENTS 1956-1957

## September

- 6th—Opening Day.
- 14th—Gathering of the Clans.
- 14th—Old Girl's Basketball Game.

## October

- 2nd—"Macbeth".
- 5th—Installation of Prefects.
- 5th—Long Week-end.
- 10th—Junior Sports Day.
- 12th—Senior Sports Day.
- 15th—Royal Danish Ballet.
- 18th—Basketball—St. Clement's.
- 22nd-26th—Ramabai Week.
- 23rd—Basketball—St. Mildred's.
- 25th—Basketball—B.S.S.
- 26th—Form V Picnic.
- 26th—Form IV Plays.
- 30th—Basketball—B.S.S.

## November

- 1st—Basketball—Havergal.
- 8th—Basketball—St. Clement's.
- 9th—House Dance.
- 9th—Short Week-end.
- 13th—Basketball—St. Clement's.
- 13th—Royal Winter Fair.
- 15th—Basketball—Havergal.
- 16th—Rev. Mr. John Stott.
- 19th—Examinations Begin.
- 27th—Examinations End.
- 27th—Earle Grey Players.

## December

- 7th—Fourth and Fifth Form Dance.
- 12th—Christmas Dinner.
- 16th—Carol Service.
- 19th—Holidays Begin.

## January

- 10th—Opening Day.
- 18th-19th—Third Model Assembly of the United Nations.

- 18th—National Ballet Company
- 21st—Second Installation of Prefects.
- 25th—Miss Read's Dance.

## February

- 1st-2nd—Visit from the Buffalo Seminary.
- 8th—Long Week-end.
- 15th—Open House.
- 20th—Kiwanis Festival.
- 28th—Inter-School Swim Meet.

## March

- 6th—Inter-School Badminton and Bowling Meet.
- 8th—World Day of Prayer.
- 8th—Long Week-end.
- 15th—Form II Plays.
- 22nd—Form I Plays.
- 29th—Talent Night.

## April

- 5th—Form III Plays.
- 9th—School Badminton and Bowling Meet.
- 11th—Holidays Begin.
- 24th—Opening Day.
- 27th—Alumnae Dinner.

## May

- 9th—Examinations Begin.
- 11th—Inter-School Tennis and Baseball Meet.
- 17th—Examinations End.
- 17th—Long Week-end.
- 24th—Strawberry Festival.
- 24th—Graduation Dance.

## June

- 3rd—School Swim Meet.
- 5th—Closing Church Service.
- 6th—Junior Graduation.
- 7th—Senior Prizegiving.
- 7th—Garden Party, Readacres.

**PRIZE ESSAY, 1956**

“Breathes there the man with soul so dead,  
Who never to himself hath said,  
This is my own, my native land?”

This quotation from Sir Walter Scott’s “Lay of the Last Minstrel” appears to be a very noble thought indeed when first read, but upon closer examination I believe that its merits may be challenged. Scott’s idea was one of fierce patriotism for one’s “native land” but let us consider, what is patriotism? Is it a good or evil power in the minds of men? Is it necessary in the growth and survival of a nation or is it an instrument towards destruction?

Before contemplating the merits of patriotism one must go back a little to the beginning of civilization as we know it to-day. At first, humanity consisted of man and his family who did not associate with others, but lived solitary, nomadic lives. Within this group existed a form of patriotism in which each family kept together, jealously guarding its meagre belongings and often fighting viciously to protect the family integrity.

The next step was in the formation of the community, and, after many centuries, the isolated families merged to bring the village into existence. During this change a great lesson was learned by humanity—to live peaceably with others and not to trespass on other people’s rights and privileges. Although each person has a certain pride and love in his own community, he rarely tried to force his ideas upon his fellow men. In time, larger communities called nations were formed and so civilization took on a shape not unlike our present day world.

Now that the background of the development of countries and its natural result, patriotism, has been established, let us liken civilization to a vast army. An army marching together towards the unknown. Each nation is represented by a battalion, each community by a platoon and so on to the very last man, everyone having a position in the march of humanity. With this arrangement of everyone working as a unit towards a common goal, lasting peace. Life is a fairly simple matter of planning and executing that plan. However, matters do not remain in this state for very long; one of the nations or battalions soon becomes so full of its own greatness and has such a feeling of love or patriotism for itself that it wants to subjugate the rest of the army. Patriotism moves it to aggression.

Hitler drew a picture in blood to illustrate to us the terrible results of this type of intense patriotism. He was a colonel leading the German battalion against the world, against the rest of the army of humanity. Being filled with patriotic feelings for, and pride in, Germany, he wished

to bring his ideals to others even if force, destruction and war were necessary. The awful result of this extreme patriotism was seen in the terrible holocaust of World War II. Hitler's patriotism took that easy step to nationalism.

Let me now answer the questions which I first posed. Is patriotism necessary in the growth and survival of a nation or is it an instrument towards destruction? For the growth of a nation there must be a feeling of patriotism among its builders. For survival, once the nation is built, there is a need for love of one's country; but eventually that love becomes too strong and leads the country to nationalism and its inevitable consequence, war. Destruction follows.

What is patriotism? It is a sense of pride in the minds of men which prompts them to fight for their country and to support its ideals. However, consider this, if there were no patriots there would be no war.

We must, in the face of the destruction brought on by misguided patriotism and consequent wars, conclude that this nationalism must become internationalism. Man learned the lesson of intercommunal life many centuries ago when he merged to form the village, but, as yet, he has not learned how to live peaceably in the larger international community. Until such time, patriotism can only lead to disaster. When and if this lesson is learned, there will be no need for love of one's country because, at that time, humanity will share a common love for the entire army of civilization. The world will be as God intended, a whole.





## OUR ALBUM OF GRADUATES

## PREFECTS



**Catherine Aylesworth (1951-57)**—"L'art pour l'art." Cathy spends her school hours leading the Rosses, playing First Team Basketball and drawing dance decorations for the Beta Kappa. Her spare time is occupied with art and drama. Future: More art at Parson's in New York.

**Edith Bell (1954-57)**—"What I think, I must speak." Formidable lead in "Pyramus and Thisby", Vice-president of the Opheleo and past member of the "Slogan" Advertising Committee. Edith, an import from Moulton, is noted for her unmatched sense of humour. Future: Interior Decoration.



**Mary Breckenridge (1953-57)**—"Eat, drink and be merry." "Breck", President of the Opheleo, past-chieftain of the MacGregor Clan and dreamer of Europe, has contributed much to Branksome's dramatic efforts. A supporter of all class and clan sports, Brecky, will enter nursing next year.

**Jane Burt (1952-57)**—"There is no royal road to Geometry." Janey is a member of the Opheleo Committee, a basketball and swimming enthusiast, past-member of the Senior Choir and active in her Church Young People's Group. She hopes to enter nursing next year.



**Catherine Clark (1949-57)**—"O, to be in England." Prize-winning essayist and public speaker in the U.N. Talent Night M.C. and driver of "the little car." Cathy is the efficient Editor of the "Slogan" and next year will represent B.H.S. at Sherborne. Bon voyage, Cath!

**Margo Dunn (1942-57)**—"She is given to sports and much company." "Miggs" is Simpson's representative, a First Basketball Team guard, a Choir member and past chieftain of McLean. A great sport who excels in swimming, she is an authority on Europe. Future: Western.



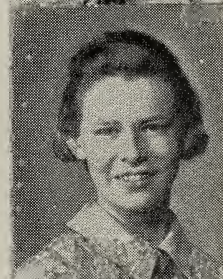
**Judith Durance (1952-57)**—"How well I know what I ought to do." Judy is sport's captain of VA, Secretary of the Opheleo, an enthusiastic U.T.S. football supporter and plays a mean game of badminton. After a summer of camping with crippled children, Judy plans P. & O.T.

**Nancy Fletcher (1955-57)**—"For now I am in a holiday humour." A Prefect in her second year at Branksome, "Fletch" is on enthusiast for all sports, especially swimming and golf. Nancy plans to follow in Flo's footsteps at Victoria Hospital in London.



**Patricia Gordon (1948-57)**—"Come and take choice of all my library." "Twissy" is the School Librarian, an authority on cafeteria meals and has been a "Slogan" Committee member for two years. Next year Pat will enter "Vic" and then plans a teaching career.

**Elizabeth Graham (1952-57)**—"My kingdom for a horse." Liz is a member of the Choir and Advertising Editor of the "Slogan". Her outside activities include teaching Sunday school and the children at the Woodgreen Day Camp, and riding, riding, riding. Next year: U. of T.



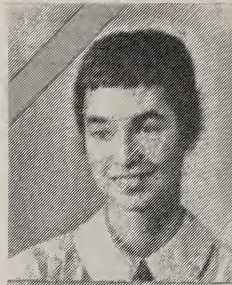


# PREFECTS



**Sandra Hoim (1952-57)**—"Silence is more eloquent than words." An outstanding scholar, Sandy has been a "Slogan" Committee member for two years and was a speaker at the Model U.N. Assembly in 1956. Last year she won the Ruth Caven Medal. Nuclear physics next year?

**Lisa Inksater (1952-57)**—"For the fashion of these times." "Binky" is the Vice-President of the Beta Kappa and a member of Eaton's Student Council. She is also the "Slogan" reporter for V Arts. Dramatics are a part of her outside activities.



**Catherine Johnston (1942-57)**—"A blush is the colour of virtue." "Aggie", our "Slogan" Art and Photography Editor, was Mary in the Christmas pageant. Her "grace," often displayed in basketball, may add to the charm of Trinity where she hopes to enter Soc. and Phil.

**Kathleen Kerr (1955-57)**—"A vast expenditure of human voice." Kathy, Sherb's voice, is our sole representative from across the border. A member of the Opheleo and of the Choir, Kathy plans to attend Hillsdale College in Michigan next year.



**Pamela Kerr (1945-57)**—"Ourselves will mingle with society and play the humble host." A girl with energy plus, Pamey, our Beta Kappa President, First Basketball Team guard, Choir member and past-chieftain of McLeod has excelled in athletic and executive abilities. Future: Child Study.

**Patricia McConnell (1954-57)**—"... confirm the feeble knees." Pat is a member of the Senior Choir and of the Opheleo Society, an alternate in the 1956 Model Assembly and an ever-present help with dance decoration. She spends her summers camping in Northern Ontario.



**Jeanne Monier (1948-57)**—"... dive into the bottom of the deep." Jeanne is another girl with sights of Europe in her eyes as well as the football field at U.T.S. She is one of Branksome's best swimmers and divers, as well as Sports Editor of the "Slogan".

**Anne Moore (1951-57)**—"Nothing great was achieved without enthusiasm." "Mort", renowned for her bubbling spirit, is the School Games Captain, past-chieftain of MacAlpine, past-president of the Choir and Captain of the First Basketball Team. Future: taking up the lamp at Wellesley.



**Sandra Sinclair (1956-57)**—"The innocence of her face oft hides the mischief beneath." Sandy is the first Sherborne representative to be a Prefect. She is on the Opheleo, VA's Vice-President and a Third Basketball Team guard. Destiny: to be the best nurse anywhere.

**Pamela Thompson (1955-57)**—"But answer came there none." I have not got my homework done. Pam, who treks in from the North Pole every day, is VA's President, a member of the Choir and the "Slogan" Committee. The slide rule calls at U. of T. next year.







# PREFECTS

**Jane Watson (1942-57)**—"Go, see what she's doing and tell her she mustn't!" In the past, Janey had led the Rosses, been on school basketball, swimming and tennis teams, was Vice-President of the Choir and a "Slogan" member. This year, as Head Girl, she has given outstanding leadership to Branksomites.

# ACADEMIC

**Carolyn-Penny Abernethy (1954-57)**—"What! gie up golf?" Sub-Prefect Penny's activities include volleyball, basketball, the Senior Choir and golf. She is a member of the Beta Kappa and last year was Vice-President of IVB. Next year she will train for nursing.



**Janet Box (1952-57)**—"Till then my noble friend, chew on this." Gay is a Sub-Prefect, Chieftain of the MacAlpine Clan, a forward on the VB Basketball Team and active in other sports as well. Next year she plans to enter nursing.



**Carole Anne Coutts (1952-54, 1955-57)**—"A youth light-hearted and content, I wander through the world." Carole Anne has been at Branksome since First Form with the exception of Form Three spent in Montreal. She is a member of the Beta Kappa. Next year: U. of T.



**Sally Cox (1955-57)**—"Come sing; now sing; for I know ye sing well." A member of the Choir, supporter of Clan basketball, and volleyball teams, member of the Beta Kappa, and a Sub-Prefect, we wish Sally well in the business world.

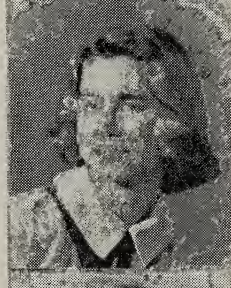


**Diana Ede (1955-57)**—"The play's the thing." Di-with-the-red-hair is a Sub-Prefect, an enthusiastic ballet fan and a noted giver of dinner parties. Next year it's U. of T., but her heart is set on dancing, dancing, dancing.

**Katherine Farr (1952-57)**—"If you find such a hostess." All through Senior School Kitty has supported her class and clan teams and has figured in class plays. Her pastimes include riding and skating. Next year will see her at U. of T.



**Sheila Harvie (1950-57)**—"Tiny and cheerful." Sheila, a Sub-Prefect, is a member of the "Slogan" Committee and library representative for VA. A member of last year's Advertising Committee and player on clan and class teams, she plans to enter nursing at Wellesley.



**Heather Anne Holt (1952-57)**—"Tiger, tiger burning bright". Heath has been a U.N. Observer, a member of the "Slogan" Advertising Committee and this year is Art Representative of VA, on the Second Basketball Team and a Sub-Prefect. She is a lover of skiing and jazz.





# ACADEMIC



**Jane Hutton (1956-57)**—"And ever she sung from noon to noon". Sherb's claim to fame musically, "Hut" is renowned for her diets and her skill at the keyboard. Janey has acted over C.B.C. and plans a dramatic career after U. of T.

**Elspeth King (1956-57)**—"The immeasurable smile". El, a marvellous badminton player with a lovely, never ending smile, is also interested in swimming and riding. She plans to attend Waterloo College next fall.

**Nancy Lawson (1956-57)**—"Though I be but little, I am fierce". Coming to Branksome from Niagara Falls this year, Nancy promptly became Treasurer of VB and a member of the Beta Kappa. An accomplished skater, "Peewee" plans on nursing next year.

**Penny Lucas (1952-57)**—"In love content, in Physics pained". Penny came to Branksome from Kitchener. This year a Sub-Prefect, "Nancy-Faye" is an accomplished sailor and archer. Next year it's Home Ec. at O.A.C. Main interest: a certain engineer.

**Pamela MacDowall (1956-57)**—"To cut a caper". Pam is a skater, swimmer and golfer hailing from Carlton Place, near Ottawa. She has added much to the Sherborne House capers and will be remembered for her fun-loving spirit. Future: nursing at Kingston General Hospital.

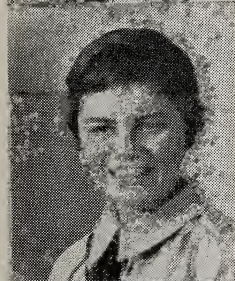
**Margaret McLeod (1956-57)**—"People say that life is the thing, but I prefer reading". Margie, a member of the Beta Kappa and Fifth Form's library representative, is a great skiing fan. She plans to attend Western University next fall.

**Lane Morrison (1956-57)**—"I know I am small but . . .". For her size, Lane seems to accomplish much. She skis, swims, bowls, rides and plays badminton. A boarder, she comes from North Bay, and is most interested in the piano and music.

**Linda Nethery (1955-57)**—"Tennis anyone?" In her first year at Branksome, Linda was IVA's Game's Captain and a member of the tennis team. This year she is Secretary-Treasurer of VA. Another supporter of the purple and white, she plans to enter Western.

**Valerie Pearson (1953-57)**—"Was it so late, friend, ere you went to bed that you do rise so late." Val, a great sport and Game's Captain of VB, is all bubble and bounce. Next year, Wellesley will take over where Slenderella left off.

**Maureen Plunkett (1953-57)**—"There must be some neat mathematical formula for this." Past-president of I.S.C.F. and this year on the executive, "Plunk" occupies herself with Ophelo work, basketball, baseball and lots of tennis. She plans on a math course at U. of T. next year.





# ACADEMIC

**Sally Powell (1953-57)**—"When she repeats her verses." Occupied with many sports including basketball and swimming, Sally a House Proctor and "Slogan" form reporter, especially enjoys skating and horseback riding. Sal plans to study psychology at the University of Western Ontario next year.

**Cynthia Reid (1950-57)**—"What is the end of study? Let me know." An expert on Indian Archaeology and volleyball, Cindy is a Sub-Prefect, a member of the Opheleo and the President of YB. Next year Cindy is going to Brillantmont in Lausanne, Switzerland.

**Joan Sanderson (1950-57)**—"... that spend the time in sport and play." Joan is this year's Senior sports champion and has in past years won the junior, intermediate and senior cups and also the hundred yard dash trophy. Chief interests: basketball, tennis and Bermuda.

**Joyce Sanderson (1950-57)**—"Another, yet the same." Joyce, a member of the Second Basketball Team, Sub-Prefect and a runner-up in Sports Day is famous for her bubbling enthusiasm and school spirit. Future: Teacher's College.

**Eleanor Tow (1952-57)**—"Silence is most noble." Towser, a Sub-Prefect and Assistant Librarian, should be congratulated on her marvellous work done for the school library. Future: University College at U. of T. Good Luck and thanks E. T.

**Suzanne Walwyn (1952-57)**—"Laughter and the love of friends." Sue has joined enthusiastically in class dramatics and school sports, including basketball, bowling and swimming. Last summer she lived with a French family in Quebec and tells us it was great fun. Next year: undecided.

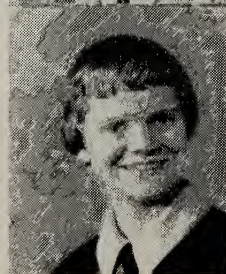
# V COMMERCIAL

**Gail Barendregt (1955-57)**—"She talks . . . so very fast." Gail is V Commercial's "Slogan" form reporter. Interested in skating, tennis and golf, she has tentative plans to study nursing next year.

**Carole Campbell (1954-57)**—"Boot, saddle, to horse and away." We need not say that Carole's interests are horses, riding and more horses. In her spare time, she has played on class basketball and volleyball teams. She plans to be a secretary.

**Deborah Cuthbert (1953-57)**—"In haste to ride." Debbie, whose chief interest is also riding is V Commercial's Game's Captain. A great sport, she was an asset to any class, clan or school team to which she belonged. Future: Undecided.

**Suzanne Ellis (1954-57)**—"good humour is the health of the soul." Suzy is Secretary-Treasurer of V Commercial and a member of her class and clan teams. After school she occupies herself with badminton and swimming. She plans on secretarial work next year.





# V COMMERCIAL

**Elizabeth Harper (1955-57)**—"Eliza and our James." Liz is another Sherborne House girl. Her chief activities, before the sudden extraction of her appendix in February, were badminton, skating and bowling. Outside of architecture, secretarial work is Liz's greatest interest.

**Louise Holden (1952-57)**—"Parties must ever exist." Lou has played for her class and clan teams every year. This year she is Sub-Prefect, and once out of school plans to be a secretary. She also enjoys skating and golf.

**Joan Hunter (1956-57)**—"Fair quiet have I found thee." Joan came to Branksome this year from Waterloo. She is a badminton enthusiast and also bowls. She enjoys dressmaking (lucky girl) and her ambitions include secretarial work and a trip to China!

**Janet Johnson (1956-57)**—"Full of fun and fancy free." Janny, Sherb's other voice, has been a great asset to Branksome. V Commercial's President, she will be remembered for her enthusiasm for swimming, skiing, and absolutely everything. Future: Secretarial work.

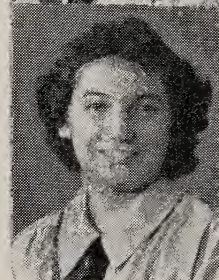
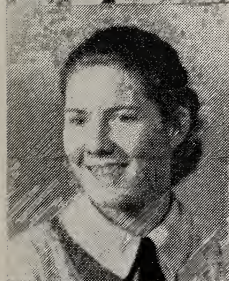
**Beatriz Milgram (1955-57)**—"Will you hear a Spanish lady?" Beatriz has added much to the international flavour of Branksome. Next year she hopes to work in her native Caracas. Betty, la caraqueña que contesta con sonrisas agradables, te deseamos suerte en tus estudios comerciales.

**Gabriela Neuman (1955-57)**—"Tell her in Spanish." Another Venezuelan, Gaby has been at Branksome for two years. Next year she plans to work with an Oil Company in South America. Para Gaby mucha felicidad en tu futuro. Pues te lo mereces por haber trabajado duro.

**Patricia O'Hara (1953-57)**—"Footloose and fancy free." Pat, who hails from Montreal, was installed as a Sub-Prefect in January. Notorious in Sherb because she rises before the warning bell(!), Pat can be sure of success for the early start. Future: Secretarial work.

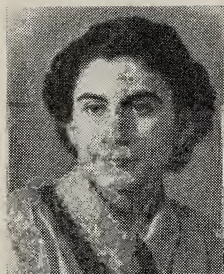
**Marlene Rattray (1956-1957)**—"Your scene precariously subsists too long on French translation . . ." Marnie, who comes from the polar regions—Schreiber, that is, is strangely attracted to the east — Queen's! Pet peeve: Traduction française. Future: Nursing in Fort William.

**Mercedes Ugarte (1955-57)**—"And then to breakfast . . . what appetite you have." Renowned for her keen sense of humour and practical jokes, Mercedes is the third member of the trio from Caracas. Muchas felicidades y suerte a la simpática Pepé y que siga tan decidida como hasta ahora lo fué.





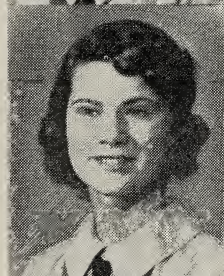
# V ARTS



**Wendy Angus (1954-57)**—"Of spirit so still and quiet." Wendy came to us from Port Radium on Great Bear Lake. In her three years at Branksome she has taken part in basketball, volleyball and other sports. Next year: MacDonald Hall.



**Donna Booker (1956-57)**—"Westward ho!" Donna who hails from Saskatchewan, is keenly interested in figure skating. All her spare time is occupied either in teaching skating or becoming more proficient herself. Her plans include more skating in Regina.



**Judith Diprose (1955-57)**—"She's all fun." Last year, Judy, as form Game's Captain, played on her class and clan teams and has kept up the good work this year, as President of V Arts. She enjoys badminton and skiing. Future: Interior Decoration.



**Marlene Flynn (1954-57)**—"I'm late." Marlene, who enjoys all kinds of sports, has always taken part in her form activities. Her chief outside interests are riding and swimming. Her immediate plans include marriage next year.



**Patricia Hyland (1955-57)**—"Wrapped round with thought." Pat arrived from B.S.S. and last year played class basketball for IV Arts. She is going to spend the summer in Europe, but is undecided about next year.

**Suzanne McCausland (1954-57)**—"I have not slept one wink." Sue was our student representative to the T.S.O. last year and this year is Treasurer of its Student Council. A member of the Beta Kappa, Sue plans on a career of Interior Decorating.

**Britta Madsen (1955-57)**—"Her ready help was ever nigh." A member of the Beta Kappa and a library representative, Britta, a Sub-Prefect, was a prize-winner in history of art last year. Future: Undecided.

**Diane Mitchell (1956-57)**—"Scents of the infinite Sea." A newcomer to Branksome from Nova Scotia, Di is "just dying" for a good deep breath of salt air. In residence in Sherborne House, her favorite activities are riding and skating.

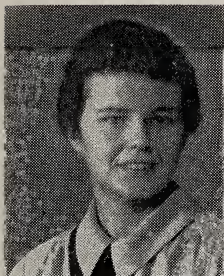
**Sally Morrison (1954-57)**—"I am the bowler." Sally is a Moulton bred Branksomite. She plays both basketball and volleyball for the McLeod clan and for her class. Skating and bowling are two of her favorite sports. She plans on a course of Child Study at Ryerson next year.

**Penelope Ramsay (1954-57)**—"In small proportions." Penny is Vice-president of V Arts, a sports enthusiast and a prize-winner in Interior Decoration. She was also an effective member of the famous "Pyramus and Thisby" cast and plans a career of modelling.





## V ARTS



**Elizabeth Richardson (1943-52, 1955-57)**—"Drives the rapid car." After a three year period of desertion to Elmwood, Bizzie came back here in IV Arts. She has taken part in class and clan sports and enjoys water skiing, skating and badminton.

**Jacquelyn Schurman (1955-57)**—"Remember Bermuda." Jackie came to us from Central Tech two years ago. Although she is graduating from the Household Economics course this year, she plans to return next year and do secretarial work.



**Mary Steele (1955-57)**—"She makes sweet music with the ivory stones." Mary's first love is the piano and she is an expert, hard-working musician. In order to expand her musical interests, Mary also does quite a bit of dancing.



**Elizabeth Stephen (1953-57)**—"La vie en Rose." Liz came to us from Calgary four years ago and has since played on class basketball and volleyball teams and has been a form executive. She plans to marry in November.



**Anne Tarbox (1955-57)**—"She is gay." Anne came to Branksome from B.S.S. Although poor health prevents her from doing many sports, she enjoys tennis. She plays the accordian and the piano and next year at Ryerson she will study Child Management.

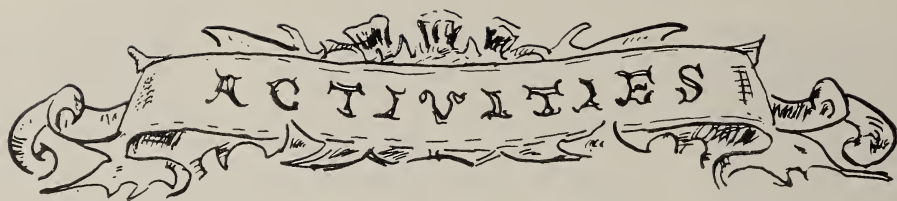


**Arlene Walker (1954-57)**—"Well shone, moon." Arlene is a Sub-Prefect, a member of the "Slogan" Advertising Committee and Secretary-Treasurer of her class. An enlightened member of the "Pyramus and Thisby" cast and assistant Game's Captain of V Arts, she plans a teaching career.

ED. NOTE: All quotations used are from accepted sources.



Graduation 1956



### TALENT NIGHT

Branksome's second annual Talent Night was held in Eaton Auditorium on Friday, March 29.

Led by a capable commentator, Cathy Clark, the evening was arranged with a widely varied programme, ranging from an exotic Javanese Plate Dance, performed by Christelot Hanson, to the sparkling Polka from "Facade", danced by Diane Ede and Nora Stearns.

The Senior, Intermediate and Junior Choirs, under the expert direction of Mrs. Coutts, interpreted such songs as "Kitty My Love", "The Jolly Miller" and "The Violet". Their programme continued with the group of twelve singing three madrigals.

The entertainment also included a piano solo by Lowell Pelton, Danish gymnastics, Jackie Burroughs' prize-winning United Nations' speech, and a Fashion Show presented by the Arts forms.

Miss Portia White added a professional touch to the evening by singing compositions by Schubert and two negro spirituals. Her accompanist was Miss Lee who also accompanied the choirs.

A highlight of the evening was the thrilling sound of bagpipes and the brilliant Scottish dancing by Sandra Blaine and Janet MacArthur.

Special thanks is in order for the excellent organizing jobs done by Miss Livingston, Miss Hughes and Miss Wahlroth.

Because of its success for two consecutive years, Talent Night has become an annual event and takes its place among the traditions of the school.

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### THE OPHELEO

The Oxford dictionary defines the word "Charity" as "Christian good feeling" and "help so given". These two meanings, so simply and beautifully given, express the real meaning and function of the Opheleo committee. From the beginning of the school year, it was our hope to be able to raise enough money not only to send to our usual missions, but also to many others. And now, as the year draws to a close, we are happy to say that Branksome has reached its objective.

New ideas were introduced for raising money this year and they proved most successful. "Bargain Breck's" sale of lost and found articles started off the annual Ramabai collection in the fall. The Christmas collection followed and then in the winter term the Branksome Bazaar was





ACTIVITIES AT BRANKSOME



held to raise money for our new library. With the money given from the Lenten collection, the total was raised to over a thousand dollars.

On behalf of the Opheleo committee, I would like to thank the girls of Branksome for their generosity and support throughout the year. Special thanks is due to the Junior School and my personal thanks to the Opheleo committee and executive for their help and co-operation. We should be proud of the spirit of giving that exists at Branksome!

### OPHELEO FINANCIAL REPORT

#### Collected

Lost and Found Sale .....	\$ 15.00
Ramabai Collection .....	385.00
Carol Service .....	315.00
Branksome Bazaar .....	180.00
Lenten Collection .....	425.00
Total.....	<hr/> \$1320.00

#### Paid Out

Ramabai Mission .....	\$ 200.00
Support of teacher at Manmad .....	75.00
Support of orphan at Manmad .....	50.00
Hospital in Nazareth .....	50.00
Mission in Damascus .....	25.00
Hospital in Bethlehem .....	50.00
Gifts for Canadian Sailors .....	50.00
Eskimo and Indian Hospital in Western Canada .....	150.00
Voice of the Andes (South America) .....	25.00
Evangel Hall Mission .....	50.00
Canadian Lumbermen .....	25.00
Branksome Hall bed in Ludhiana Hospital .....	50.00
Building of Hospital in Ludhiana .....	25.00
Contribution to the Gideon Society .....	10.00
Mission in Egypt .....	50.00
Hungarian Relief .....	75.00
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church .....	180.00
Books for the New Library .....	180.00
Total.....	<hr/> \$1320.00

MARY BRECKENRIDGE, President.

### THE CAROL SERVICE

On December sixteenth, 1956, a congregation gathered in Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church to await the commencement of Branksome's thirtieth annual Carol Service.

When the entire school had formed a silent line, made colourful by



the contrast of red and green kilts, all those assembled stood hushed and expectant. With bell-like clarity, the opening strains of the processional hymn, "Once in David's Royal City", were sung by Marion Cox, Caroline Stanley-Porter, Norma McLean and Margo Lathrop. Then, all joined in the stately music and took their respective places in the chancel where, under the inspired leadership of Mrs. Coutts, they were to join in the moving service which has become a Branksome tradition.

The programme ranged from the lovely simplicity of carols, sung by the Junior grades, to the more complicated and brilliant excerpts from Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of the Carols", interpreted by the Senior Choir.

A thrilling climax was reached when Susan Coxeter repeated the words of "The Magnificent" while, from the arched balcony above the chancel, Catherine Johnston as the Virgin Mary, Elizabeth Stephen as Joseph and six angels portrayed the Christmas Story in a shining pageant.

Below, all the Senior School joined in the joyous carols, and the stirring recessional, "Christian Awake", brought to its close a Carol Service unsurpassed in the history of the school.

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### BETA KAPPA REPORT

Dear Diary:

November 7, 1956

I have never seen the boarders move so fast as they did to-day at 2:30. They bolted upstairs and pulled out dresses and shoes, set their hair and then came to help decorate the Common Room with the school colours and crests of the institutions near and dear to the hearts of most Branksomites: U.C.C., U.T.S., Ridley, etc. The "Football" theme was carried right through to the goal-line by two husky football players (stuffed unfortunately). The party was a great success and the music was supplied by Eaton's Bandbox, thanks to Lisa Inksater.

Dear Diary:

December 7, 1956

There seems to be a gap in my diary, but now I have some earth shaking reports. To-night was the Fourth and Fifth Form Dance! All the furniture disappeared from the Common Room (I still can't figure out where everything went) and was replaced by silvery pine bows, Christmas trees, snowballs and streamers. Sandwiches and cookies, coffee and cokes were served in the dining room by candlelight. We were very fortunate to have John Beard come and play for us. Gosh, Christmas is almost here!

Dear Diary:

January 25, 1957

What a day! I'm sure I shall see balloons in my sleep to-night. People were blowing up all day—balloons that is. The girls looked lovely in their formals and galoshes. What a terrible night; snow up to the windows and I, plowing around in boots, trying to impress my date. But the gym made up for the weather; it was decorated with giraffes, elephants, clowns and other "Circus Circa 57" themes. And, oh yes, pinned to one of the curtains

was the cutest little lion I have ever seen. We certainly feel grateful to Miss Read for all that was done for us. To bed, to bed, to bed.

Dear Diary:

March—, 1957

I heard somebody talking about the Graduation Dance to-day. What a sad thought, but then again what excitement. The Strawberry Festival is the same night and I know from past experience what fun that is. I am sure that the Grad will be a success too.

PAMELA KERR, President.

### BERMUDA '57

To New York by T.C.A.  
Cakes were baked by P.A.A.  
**And the Press Were There!**  
Arrived Bermuda in the rain  
Joan's hat lost under plane.  
Sherwood Manor really grand,  
A lovely spot in Fairyland.  
Next a sunburn had by all  
Then the doctor came to call  
Gombeys came for Edie's head  
Knees were hot; noses red  
**And the Press Were There!**  
Talbot Brothers really swell  
Gombey dance played for Bell  
Purveys' Party sheer delight  
Did we ever dance that night  
**And the Press Were There!**  
Took a cruise to Somerset  
Another scorching we did get

Water-skiing, other pranks  
To Mr. Sherwood many thanks  
For our chaperone, surprise  
For we set before her eyes  
A birthday cake and also there  
Many gifts (some most rare).  
**But the Press weren't there.**  
Left Bermuda bearing flowers  
Memories of happy hours  
Arrived N.Y. One day more.  
Carried bags to 19th floor.  
Empire State, Easter Parade  
Ed Sullivans friendship made  
Dinner on the family plan  
Then the homeward trip began  
Many thanks to U.T.C.  
Trip successful as could be  
Our thanks again to Miss L.  
Now Bermuda—Farewell!

### THE SENIOR CHOIR

"Hark to the strains  
Of an old established art!  
Thrill to the sounds  
That stir man's inner heart!"

GAIL ADAMS

A clamour of voices, mingled with snatches of song, issues from the basement of Buccleuch House. Suddenly, the tumult is interrupted as a small voice announces, "Stand up, girls!" Mrs. Coutts enters. Silence reigns and another practice of the Senior Choir has begun.

Such practices have been responsible for the choir's many accomplishments during the year. At the close of the fall term, Branksome's traditional Carol Service was highlighted by the Choir's presentation

of "The Ceremony of the Carols" by Benjamin Britton. These carols were repeated on Christmas Day in a broadcast over C.F.R.B.

1957 started out successfully with the choir placing first in the Kiwanis Festival. As stars of the Festival, they were invited to Massey Hall to sing their competition pieces: "The Peaceful Western Wind" and "Sunset".

The grande finale of the year was the Branksome Talent Night at Eaton's Auditorium in which the choir played a prominent part. The audience was especially enthusiastic towards the numbers from "Carousel".

This seems to have been an outstanding year for the Senior Choir—  
but little wonder with Mrs. Coutts directing.

President—Susan Moore.

Vice-President—

Jacqueline Burroughs.

Secretary—Marion Cox.

Committee—Jo-Anne Valiant,  
Lynn Williams,  
Catherine Nelson,  
Elizabeth Aylesworth,  
Nora Stearns,  
Susan Coxeter.



SENIOR CHOIR EXECUTIVE

Jacqueline Burroughs (Vice-President), Sue Moore (President), Marion Cox (Secretary.)

## THE UNITED NATIONS

Early in October sixteen Branksomites from third and fourth form started on a project that promised much hard work and a great deal of enjoyment. They were the group chosen to represent Branksome as the Indonesian Delegation in the Third Model United Nations General Assembly, a realistic reproduction of the United Nations Assembly held in New York. Thirty-five schools participated, each representing a different country.

The girls set eagerly to work, scouring through books and newspapers searching for information and back-ground material that would aid them in their effort to speak for Indonesia.

On United Nations Day, October 24, four delegation members were



lucky enough to attend a dinner given in Simpson's Arcadian Court. Here they mingled with young university students from the countries represented in the Model United Nations, exchanging information on the culture and politics of their countries.

Then the big night arrived. On Friday, January 18, at 7:30 P.M. they assembled in the Legislative Chamber of the Provincial Parliament Buildings. A very enlightening keynote address was given by J. A. Edmison, Q.C. of Queens University, brother to our own Miss Edmison. This was followed by the debates which were carried on at a fast and furious pace. The debating adjourned at 10:30 until 9:00 A.M. on Saturday morning. There was a two hour break for luncheon at Hart House, and the Assembly closed at 5:00 in the afternoon. A dance was given in the evening for all the delegations that had participated in the Assembly.

The questions discussed this year were as follows: The Suez Canal Crisis; the establishment of an International Trade Organization; the Refugee Problem; and Recommendations on the establishment of an agency for the control of peaceful uses of Atomic Energy.

The Indonesian Delegation to the General Assembly feel that we have gained a great deal of useful knowledge from this year's venture, and we wish the "Best of Luck" to those who will follow in our foot-steps next year.

The Indonesian Delegation to the Third Model General Assembly of the United Nations was composed of the following:-

Speakers: Adrienne Allan, Jacqueline Burroughs, Joan Henson, Patricia Hamilton.

Alternates: Lee Henderson, Mary McKeracher, Lowell Pelton, Ingrid Style.

Observers: Joey Ayers, Joy Benadom, Susan Coxeter, Nadine Griffiths, Isolde Koenig, Janet Macarthur, Patricia Jacobs, Mary Jane Whiting.

The Delegation extends its thanks to Mrs. Coulter, our staff advisor.

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Congratulations are certainly in order for Jackie Burroughs who won for Branksome, on March the seventh, the honour of being chosen one of three pupils to be given a glorious trip to New York this past Easter! This was the result of her speech entitled, "The United Nations at the Crossroads", given at the Uinterian Church along with five other finalists of the U.N.A. Contest. Marc Sommerville of Jarvis Collegiate and Gerald Godsoe Jr. of Upper Canada College are also to be congratulated for their winning speeches. Those working "behind the scenes" for Jackie's speech were Patricia Hamilton, Joan Henson and Mrs. Coulter. Branksome, incidently, has carried off honours in this contest for four years in succession. Keep up the good work, Branksome!

**LIFE ABROAD**

Sherborne School for Girls,  
Sherborne, Dorset,  
April 3, 1957.

Dear Branksome:

What a wonderful place England is! I am sitting writing to you looking out from my window upon Sherborne School's spacious, green, rolling acres. Now I know what Browning meant when he wrote, "O, to be in England, now that April's there." He might easily have been dreaming of Sherborne. Sparkling water draws my eyes to the outdoor swimming pool which, bordered by rock gardens and pine trees, is left untouched until hot summer weather.

The two hours of games each day (field hockey, lacrosse, squash and tennis) are played on the many game's fields. It took me several weeks to disentangle the maze in my mind, and when I **do** find the right



Joyce Walker and Sherborne's  
Next Representative

field, during the game I usually run victoriously down the field in the wrong direction!

Next, my eyes fall on a plot of land on which in the near future will be built one of the largest and most modern Science Laboratories in the country. Sherborne and Branksome seem to be walking hand-in-hand with progress. Sherborne's science teachers are dreaming of what to Miss Edmison and Miss Claxton is now a deserved reality.

Many little differences pop into my mind: whistling is strictly forbidden as it reveals a lack of self-discipline. Goodness, in my case, I should think that whistling, as opposed to singing, would be the lesser of the two evils! Talking in the halls is eliminated to save the ears from the shrill impact of 460 girls all talking at once. Such a rule at Branksome would foil the number one spot for the latest gossip. Wireless (translation: radio) advertisements are non-existent, and thus the soap is discarded,

leaving the opera. Oh, this "left hand side of the street" rule has labelled me as the Canadian road menace.

At every school food holds a prominent place, but there seems to be so much more of it in England. In addition to the customary three meals a day (during which open battle is often declared on kippers), we have a mid-morning break (elevenses) of buns and cocoa, the traditional and delicious tea and assorted cakes in the afternoon and a hot drink before bed. Oh, how do the English keep their well-proportioned figures?

Sherborne is very generous with holidays, giving us a month at Christmas and at Easter, and in that time, I learned that there is nothing as warm and sincere as English hospitality. Their home is your home and at once you are one of the family. Fundamentally, I think that Canada and England have one great thing in common—a sincere kindness and goodwill.

May there "always be an England"!

Love,

JOYCE WALKER.

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Branksome Hall,  
Toronto, Ontario  
March 27, 1956.

Dear Sherborne:

Street-cars and sticky buns, traffic lights and cheer-leaders, hot dogs and hospitality are a few of the innumerable impressions Canada has printed on my mind. No one can visit this country without being struck by the gay, friendly spirit and warm good-will.

All Canada's brilliant qualities are mingled into the school life at Branksome. Life goes on at a hair-raising rate, and it is gloriously casual and free. Every girl has a chance to unfurl her individual talents while the spirit of the school has caught the special attention of both the Press and Radio (such inverse usages as radio instead of wireless, movie instead of cinema and sidewalk instead of pavement all add to the confusion). Each morning fierce drivers in mammoth multi-coloured cars have to wait for hoards of kilted figures to cross the road. These kilts, a gorgeous escape from lyle stockings and felt hats, illustrate Branksome's strong Scottish traditions. Among the games played are badminton and basketball; the latter being like netball only somewhat wilder and speedier.

Boarding, especially the first few months, seemed to bring total freedom. One can frequently escape out for dances and dinner leaves, and instead of spending the whole afternoon playing games, my figure is going to rack and ruin devouring cokes, marshmellow sundaes and



hamburgers. As soon as I stepped foot in "Sherb" I was immediately stripped of Wellingtons, MacIntosh and undervests and was taught the art of wearing Bucks, Bobby socks and Bermuda shorts. Most of the girls have cultivated pony tails or chignons and there is also an amazing amount of peroxide around.

It is impossible to realize fully the size and space of this land but wherever one goes and whatever one sees each friend and family open up their house and transforms it into a second home. This is a Promised Land for anyone with determination and ambition, and any visitor is immediately impressed by the remarkably high standards of living and is greeted with sincere kindness and understanding.

With love,  
SANDY SINCLAIR.

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### INTERSCHOOL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

God sent His Son to the world and thee  
To redeem the world and set us free.  
He was so despised by those like me  
Who caused Him to suffer on Calvary.

Then did I see what it meant to me,  
How Christ did love the world and thee.  
Oh, how I pray that others might see  
The love of Christ redeemed in me.

JILL HAMILTON and CATHERINE NELSON.

Miss Read's drawing room at "No. 16" was a scene of much activity every Friday afternoon, with groups of girls hurrying to be present at the beginning of the I.S.C.F. meeting.

Special speakers such as Mr. Bill Fulton, Mr. Peter Letchford, Dr. Paul Roberts and Miss Jo McCourt, or a film such as "Oil Town, U.S.A." drew large numbers of girls. The Bible studies and quiz groups may not have been as largely attended, but a more interested and intense group of girls was not to be found anywhere in the school.

The symbols on the pin worn by many of the members are those of the crest of war and are taken from St. Paul's words on Christian warfare in Ephesians 6:10-19. They seem to express perfectly the Christian principles of Branksome.

#### The I.S.C.F. Officers were:

President—Judith Moore.	Treasurer—Wendy Bateman.
Vicé-President—Patricia Molyneaux.	Missions—Ruth Thompson.
Secretary—Jill Hamilton.	Social—Catherine Nelson.



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# FORM V

## VOYAGE A L'UTOPIE

L'Utopie, vision des philosophes de tout temps, désir et espoir de tous pour l'avenir: L'Utopie!—"une impossibilité", dit le pessimiste. "Regardez le monde d'aujourd'hui. Comment peut-on espérer une vie parfaite quand la moitié du monde est assujettie. Impossible!" Non seulement les optimistes mais les croyants disent, "Dieu ne peut vouloir que Ses enfants vivent dans des conditions qui les ramèront à l'état sauvage. Il remédiera à tout". Le pessimiste rusé répond chaque fois, "La nature humaine ne peut jamais se modifier." Mais malgré tout ce que le pessimiste déclare, je sais qu'il y a une Utopie. Autrement, comment puis-je y voyageré?

La rout serpente à travers des cavernes ténébreuses et des marais lugubres, mais de temps en temps une lueur se laisse entrevoir, celle de la paix, celle de l'Utopie. Cheminant toujours le long de ces sentiers effrayants où règne la destruction amenée par la guerre et par la vengeance, je hâte le pas. Mais à travers une lumière indécise, voici des vestiges de culture et d'intelligence. Maintenant le chemin semble être plus à pic et beaucoup plus clair. L'Utopie, est-elle tout près? Mais bientôt tout redevient sombre car la route descend; puis elle s'élève et tombe, unie par ici, escarpée par là, mais jamais elle n'atteint la lumière du jour. N'arrivera-je donc jamais à l'Utopie?

Le chemin monte doucement vers le sommet quand il s'approche du vingtième siècle, surtout quand il est aidé par les organisations qui recherchent la paix mondiale. Mais il s'incline de nouveau quand il traverse les grandes guerres; cependant, quand le monde aide les souffrants, les indigents, les asservis, l'inclinaison et la proximité de la lumière augmentent, et, maintenant, le chemin va tout droit vers le haut. Voilà l'Utopie où rien ne manque à personne!

Je peux me moquer des croyances du pessimiste. Qu'est-ce qu'il sait de la nature humaine? Une personne, avec l'aide divine, peut tout faire, il peut vaincre tout ce qui doit être vaincu peut être libre. Quand tout le monde aura compris cela, quand tout le monde aura secoué le joug de la servilité, nous aurons l'Utopie ici sur la terre. C'est un lieu merveilleux. Je viens d'y passer!

SANDRA HOLM.

## MATRIC!!

Why all the toil of the past years?  
Why all the blood and sweat and  
tears?  
Why does fifth form now shake  
with fears?

MATRIC!!

Why did Hitler go to war?  
What caused China's "Open  
Door"?  
What on earth is history for? '  
MATRIC!!

Qu'est-ce que' c'est la Rue de la  
Pays?  
Est-ce que ici on parle français?  
Pourquoi sommes-nous tres fa-  
tiguées?  
MATRIC!!

Statics, inclination of a line,  
Surds and functions plague the  
mind.  
To conquer math we are resigned.  
MATRIC!!

Physics and chemistry we are  
taught,  
To split the atom is our lot,  
Will we fail if we do not?  
MATRIC!!

Ubi est Caesar? In Britannia?  
Accipienturne nobis gloria?  
Dic mihi, quae sunt haec omnia?  
MATRIC!!

Botanical studies and the human  
inside,  
Frogs and fish in formaldehyde,  
Visions of biology in our minds  
reside,  
MATRIC!!

When at last we've made the  
grade;  
Received the marks that we have  
made;  
We'll know the game has been  
well played.  
MATRIC!! JANE WATSON.

### AUTUMN

The long, low, mournful howl  
Of the wind,  
And the incessant pelting rain  
Piercing the hardened earth,  
And the tinge of frost,  
Cast a bleakness all about.  
In angered fury  
Leaves rose heavenward in a  
twister,  
Only to drop.  
The small creek was now a turbu-  
lent monster,  
Roaring, dashing, foaming.  
The colour had drained from the  
sky.  
It was grey and bleak.  
Melancholy was the morn.  
It was Autumn.

CYNTHIA REID

### PHILOSOPHY

A lake: broad plain of smoothest  
blue  
When seen from far; yet one small  
wave,  
Though out of sight, far past the  
few  
That, roaring, beat the shore,—  
One wave, out there, helps keep  
that lake  
Wet  
For evermore.

A school: flurry of kilts and ties  
To strangers; yet the smallest soul,  
Hid, like the waves, by some who  
rise  
To great heights, in a flash,—  
The littlest girl can help, can serve  
Without  
A big splash.

ELIZABETH GRAHAM.



Con estos cortos poemas  
que escribo a continuación  
los dedico a las muchachas  
que vendrán a Branksome Hall.

Venimos de Sur América  
todas con un solo ideal  
estudiar en Branksome Hall  
y de la vida gozar.

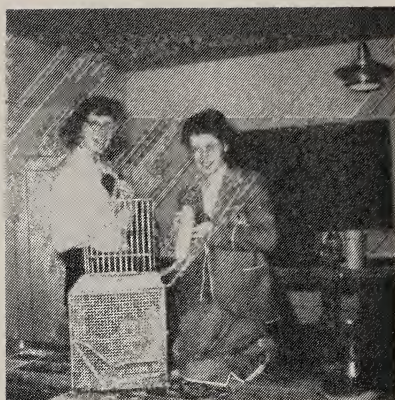
A pesar de lo difícil que es  
aprender a hablar Inglés  
todas sin una excepción  
ya sabemos decir "Yes."

Pero cuando las maestras  
entran en explicación  
no entendemos casi nada  
ni por equivocación.

En la noche en nuestro cuarto  
formamos la gran reunión  
Canadienses y Latinas  
entran en conversación.

MERCEDES UGARTE.

BEATRIZ MILGRAM.



The Guinea Pigs



"Miggs" at Branhholme

### TO ALL THAT BE IN ROME

Did Rome decline beneath the sceptered sway  
Of her own wealth and might and majesty?  
Did lavish thought and splendour minds decay  
And conquer freedom by authority?  
Great emperors and soldiers bled the land  
To keep the Empire regal and supreme;  
Then influence and power stayed his hand  
And time records now; "Great the Palatine!"  
But we who dwell in fortune and in state  
With hope of wealth, immensity and praise;  
How shall we part this life and what our fate?  
For if we leave this earth with hearts so blind  
A peace within ourselves we ne'er shall find.

PAMELA KERR.



## FORM IV

### THE UNITED NATIONS AT THE CROSSROADS

Ed. Note: The following are excerpts from a prize-winning speech in the United Nations' Speaking Contest. It was delivered by Jacqueline Burroughs on March 7, 1957.

"Is the United Nations really 'at the crossroads'?" To me, the road lies straight ahead.

"There have been deep ruts in this road in the past, which with slow, but determined effort have been smoothed over. Recently a festering of



FOURTH FORM

First row (left to right): J. Burroughs, G. Burton, J. Haines, E. Aylesworth, F. Wilson.  
 Second row: J. Russell, H. Young, S. Blaine, S. Moore, J. Henson, N. Fitch.  
 Third row: L. Weir, B. Greig, J. Findlay, M. J. Whiting, P. Lautit, L. Penny.  
 Fourth row: M. Bolton, P. Wright, N. Hirst, A. Dixon, C. Curran.  
 Fifth row: D. Carthy, P. Hamilton, A. Allan, M. McKeracher, M. Benson, L. Pelton.  
 Sixth row: G. Roach, I. Style, L. Wright, D. Carey, C. Garrow.  
 Seventh row: S. Simpson, J. Stewart, J. McMurray, S. Newbury, G. Ridout.  
 Eighth row: E. Hopkins, L. Young, J. McClaskey, D. McDonald, P. Lampriere.  
 Ninth row: L. Henderson, P. Willans, A. Lawrence, J. Benadom, M. Cox, M. Ireland.  
 Tenth row: J. Copeland, B. L. Joynt, P. Simmonds, J. Valiant.



such crises as the Israeli Problem, the Suez and in all disturbing situation in the Middle East has led many to believe that the United Nations is now 'at the crossroads'.

"Such situations are regarded as a turning point only if one regards the United Nations as a world government. The United Nations was never



Branksome Goes to Toyland

intended as, and never professed to be, a world government. Such would be unattainable at present.. . . Though the United Nations in some vital matters is severely criticized, how much better it is that grievances can be aired in open discussion, and perhaps modified by a fuller understanding of the situation. . . .

"I sincerely believe that the solution lies not in the turning, but in continuing the original objectives of the United Nations, which are, and I quote from the charter:

"To re-affirm faith in fundamental human rights; to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom.'

Although the United Nations would assure to the world's millions the enjoyment of all these freedoms, it is not, nor does it wish to be a world government. Its ultimate objective is, of course, the happiness of the individual.

"What better way is there than by its humanitarian efforts which, though not as widely publicized as its political decisions, have touched the lives and reached into the hearts of multitudes? I would like to elaborate on a few of these humanitarian reforms. Everywhere upon the face of the earth the United Nations is seeking to train the untrained, to feed the underfed, to help the helpless. Its technical assistance programme has brought to about one hundred and thirty countries, new knowledge and new skills.

"U.N.I.C.E.F., the world's largest international effort to improve

the health and welfare of children, is strengthening their future. U.N.E.S.C.O. is contributing to peace and security by promoting collaboration among nations through education, science, and culture in order to further universal respect for justice, for the rule of law, and for human rights and fundamental freedoms. . . .

"Surely, the intellectual and moral solidarity of the world must be achieved before world peace can be attained. Here within the United Nations is a place where nations of good-will can co-operate on projects for the common benefit, such as the atoms for peace programme. This, to me, is uniting for peace in the best possible sense; the building up of a harmonious world be an organization void of biased political policy, something a single power could never have accomplished.

"Following this present path, our United Nations is a congress, a sounding board of nations, a world forum, and thus the most potent single power influencing world opinion and developing that common world wide sense of justice, the only basis for a true and enduring peace. In this way, the paths of all countries, enlightened by humanitarian impulses, will merge and strengthen the present road of the United Nations to universal harmony.

"It will take time to reach our destination. The road is uphill all the way. But let us support and uphold the United Nations, and, to quote my school's motto, 'Keep Well the Road!'"

JACQUELINE BURROUGHS,  
PATRICIA HAMILTON,  
JOAN HENSON.



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## FORM III

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### DIM STAR

After the nurse had left, she turned laboriously towards the window and gently pushed aside the white cotton curtain. Only the rhythmic chirping of the crickets disturbed the mesmeric tranquillity. The pale full moon was resting atop the weeping willow, casting languid shadows across the lawn. She had often watched that sad, unchanging face. How much longer would she have? She knew that she had lived much longer than the doctors had expected she would. She had extorted that much from them almost two weeks ago. Them and their supposedly comforting fibs, she thought wryly. Mendacity always find itself out.

She glanced up and saw the first dim star appear in that black, unfathomable void. She watched it, fascinated by its blinking; but, her thoughts wandered away from it and she looked, unseeing . . .

Only a year ago she had been happy with the rest of her class enjoying all the activities that she knew she could never participate in again. But she was not sorry for herself; in fact, she felt a rather morbid satisfaction in the knowledge that she was not scared.

Tomorrow her mother would be coming in the early afternoon. There would be more letters to read. There were always letters. She glanced absently up at the sky towards her star. The sky was full of them now, and she could not find it.

She shut her eyes and turned slowly onto her back. She felt terribly weak and tired. She knew then what was happening.

One star shone brighter and brighter.

MARIE KOENIG.

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### ON DAYDREAMING

Daydreaming, contrary to popular belief, is not a bad habit in fact, it is not a habit at all. It is an art which can be acquired only as the result of painstaking practice, but which, once mastered, results in a warm glow of achievement that is more than ample compensation for any effort expended.

Let me make it quite clear at the outset that I do not refer to daydreaming as a means by which leisure time can be whiled away in solitary contemplation; I refer, rather, to the ability to create an illusion of alert attentiveness while your thoughts are miles away.

If you are afflicted with parents who consider it their duty to supervise your home study, the art of daydreaming is a necessity. As most parents are content to cast an occasional glance as they pass your room, it is quite simple to create the illusion that you are deep in concentrated study. Simply open a few books in front of you, fix your gaze upon one, and let

your thoughts wander. A better effect may be produced if you occasionally shift your position or look at a different book. You may consider your deception to be successful when the family starts tiptoeing past your door to allow you to "study" in peace.

It is slightly more difficult to maintain such an impression in a classroom. Above all, you must remember to keep an eager expression on your face at all times, as if you are soaking up knowledge like a sponge. Even that crafty pedagogue who hurls questions at you when you least expect them, can be defeated in your endeavour to remain in a state of semiconsciousness such that, by the time you flounder to your feet, the question has seeped through.

You may have been able to extricate yourself from a dreary, one-sided conversation concerning Mrs. Jones' seventh appendectomy or Uncle Herman's last hunting trip. In such a case, the daydreamer has an effective means of escape, and in all likelihood the person in question will never notice, particularly if you can manage to interject seemingly interested murmurs at appropriate intervals.

This is the ultimate test of your powers as a daydreamer.

CATHERINE JOHNSON.

### FAREWELL MY SON

The wind blew hard,  
And the rain came down.  
On a small, white house  
At the edge of town.

The shutters shook  
With the careless wind,  
And a light appeared  
From a room within.

Inside the house,  
A young man stood.  
His eyes downcast,  
On a crib of wood.

He stood and thought,  
Of this dreadful day,  
That had come to take,  
A son away.

He turned to the bed,  
And God was there.  
God and his son  
With the curly hair.

He fell to his knees  
And raised his eyes,  
Beyond the roof  
To the cloudy skies.

For now his boy,  
Exempt from sin,  
Had said good-bye  
And Death walked in.



IIIA and Watermelon



The wind blew hard,  
And the rain came down,  
On a small, white house  
At the edge of town.

SANDRA CAMERON.

### FOG

Silently stealing out of the night,  
Softly grey in the pale moonlight,  
On velvet feet she tiptoes down  
To call from sleep the little town.  
The fog, like a dove, spreads out  
her wings

To call to her breast a thousand  
things  
That, all day long 'neath the brazen  
sun,

Fight to see life's hard battle won.  
At a touch of her hand, the dark-  
ness yields,

Draws his cloak from the towns  
and fields.

Gently, as by an angel kissed,  
The world awakes to the touch of  
the mist.

JOCELYN AYERS.

## FORM II

### SNOW SCULPTURING

February the fourth was the day that the girls of the Senior School were to have a "Snow-Sculpturing Contest". Each clan was to produce a form from the snow. At noon the different clans had many ideas and the big blobs of snow soon began to take shape. Just as soon as things were on the way to completion, the afternoon bell rang and much to everyone's disappointment we had to return to the classrooms. It seemed like an eternity from the first class at one o'clock to the last one at two-thirty. Then, at last, the bell rang and once again the work commenced.

Next morning the yard seemed to be an outside "Art Gallery". That afternoon the girls from the Junior School came over to view our efforts. They loved to sit on the back of the seal, balancing a ball on his nose or to stand on tip-toe to touch the beak of the penguin. They laughed at the sight of the tortoise trying desperately to win the race against the hare. The elephant stood tall and majestic when the children ran up to look at his long trunk. One of the highlights of the contest was the engraving of the school crest in the snow and at one of the entrances of the school, sat the impressive sphinx, MacAlpine's prize-winning effort.

Even though the forms are no longer visible, they will always remain fixed in my mind.

PATRICIA NEALE.

### THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

To-day is the day after Christmas and you are busy gathering together all the presents you intend to take back. It is not that you do not appreciate your presents; it is just that you have not any use for a few of them. First, there is a book all about elephants. You hate reading; you hate elephants and do not exactly like the person who gave it to you. Next, is a pair of

ballet shoes. Why, you can hardly lift your arm above your head. Next is a box of soap. This is even more ridiculous than the others. You never take a bath and the odd time that you do using soap would be out of the question. So the day continues leaving you with fewer presents every minute. Last, but not least is a television set. This was your Christmas present to yourself, but unfortunately you cannot afford it.

CATHERINE YOUNG.

### WHY?

Why do days come at all?  
 Why does the rain and snowflake  
 fall?  
 And why is the sky sometimes  
 grey and blue?  
 And why do all the days start off  
 new?  
 Why in the day does the sun shine  
 bright?  
 And why do the evenings have no  
 light?  
 And then why is the day not dark?  
 And why does destruction leave its  
 mark?  
 Why are people happy and sad?  
 And why are they sometimes good  
 and bad?  
 Why is our skin not black but  
 white?  
 And why are there wars which  
 cause us to fight?



Why do living things move and  
 breathe?  
 And why do flowers have green  
 leaves?  
 Why do trees look so high?  
 As if they almost reach the sky?  
 WHY? ANNE ROSS.

### MORNING

We grope and we fumble,  
 We moan and we mumble,  
 Through agony, suffering and pain.  
 We seem to awake,  
 With a shudder and shake  
 At the thought that it's morning  
 again.  
 We toss and we turn  
 And we aimlessly churn  
 'Neath our covers and blankets  
 and sheets;  
 But the bell, it has rung,  
 And the day has begun,  
 It's too late to be trying to sleep.  
 KATHERINE ADAM.



## A PRAYER FOR TOMORROW

Help us to-day,  
O Canada,  
For we are yours tomorrow.  
Nourish our minds  
As well as our bodies,  
If we are to be  
The moulders of your destiny.



Teach the long years of stride  
Through the long years of strife.  
Show us the path,  
O Canada,  
That we must take.  
Give us the strength and courage,  
O Lord,  
To better our tomorrow.

JOAN HANCOCK.

## THE VICTOR

The restless leader of the herd  
Was old. His coat was battle-  
scarred.  
What was it that made his nostrils  
flare?  
Some danger was hinted in the air,  
And so his sense of peace was  
marred.  
A challenging cry rang out!  
The startled old horse wheeled  
around,

A young stallion sent forth this  
cry,  
As he stood outlined against the  
sky,  
His foreleg pawed the frozen  
ground.  
The old horse shook, he knew not  
why,  
For he had fought in many fights.  
This enemy he would quickly rout,  
He glanced at his mares, and then  
gave out  
His cry, he would protect his  
rights.  
The sound of battle rent the air,  
The earth was ground beneath  
their feet,  
The dust and the sand around them  
swirled,  
As they rose and dropped, then  
lunged and whirled,  
Each strove the other to defeat.  
Blood and sweat mixed on rippling  
hides,  
Nostrils flared and eyes ringed  
with white





And now their horrid screams cut  
the air,  
Startled a mountain lion in his lair  
Who crept forward to watch the  
flight.  
The black was strong, but had no  
skill.  
The old was tough and he fought  
well.  
He suddenly lunged to make the  
kill!  
But he missed—and in the mom-  
ent still

He stumbled to his knees, then fell.  
The black stopped never a moment,  
His hoof descended hard and fast.  
The old horse lay as if in a daze  
His body twitched once. His eyes  
did glaze.  
His hard life was over at last.  
Light faded from the western sky.  
The gentle stars began to peep  
When the black's wild and beau-  
tiful cry,  
Or triumph rose to the darkened  
sky,  
And the mares settled down for  
sleep.

SUSAN MANCANTELLI.



An Evening at Sherb.



Closing the Gap



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## FORM I

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### A DESERT STORM

Everything is motionless. This eerie environment makes one shudder to be standing alone in this barren desert. Now and then a hungry hawk swoops down, trying to capture its prey. A groundhog pops its head out of his home and glances about, sensing danger. Then, a short, smooth gust of wind sweeps across the dry desert plain. Whistling around, the wind strengthens and sand begins to fly madly. In a moment the storm is in full swing. The sand makes one blind. The tree branches roll over the desolate plain and are soon buried by the turbulent sand. Soon the howling wind dies down and the sand ceases to sweep across the plain. The groundhogs look out and the hawk continues to hunt for his prey. The desert is motionless, once more.

LYNN ROBINETTE.

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### AUTUMN SCENE

Autumn is a busy time of year not only for people but for animals and birds. Beneath an oak, near our picnic table in Algonquin Park, two energetic, black squirrels are busy collecting acorns for food when the snowy winter days arrive. In among the pines and brightly colored maples, other woodland animals such as the stately deer are also hastily preparing for the cold weather ahead. In a glassy pond nearby only the splashing of the powerful tail of the beaver is heard. Like the other animals the eager beaver is storing food. Overhead a gigantic flock of colourful geese are soaring across the cloud-covered sky towards the warm, inviting south. All the animals busily preparing for winter create an active autumn scene.

CLARE CRUMMEY.

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### 'TIS CHRISTMAS

Hurrying feet on the snowy roads,  
Jostling crowds and heavy loads.  
Wreaths and holly on every abode,  
'Tis Christmas!

Gay windows trimmed with things  
so bright,  
Excited faces and thrilling sights,

Jingling bells and coloured lights,  
'Tis Christmas!

Happiness everywhere; all is gay,  
Carols ring out this special day  
For old and young; the children  
say,  
'Tis Christmas!

ANNE WOOLGAR

# Junior Activities

## JUNIOR CLANS

This year the chieftains, sub-chieftains and members of our three Junior Clans, Bruce, Grant and Robertson, have all worked hard to boost their clan to the top. Throughout the year each girl has done her best, whether it be in Sport's Day or Neatness Week, as well as in many other competitions. Though the winning clan has not yet been determined, we know that every Junior has put a sincere effort into the work for her clan.

Much thanks is due to Miss Hughes, Miss Walroth and Miss Ross for their guidance in sports.

## THE EASTER STORY

This is the Easter Story  
In a poetic way,  
From the Day of Crucifixion  
To the Resurrection Day.

Jesus rode into the city  
In all His glory and might,  
Into the city of Jerusalem  
And there God shone His light.

And He rode into the city,  
The city was full of sin,  
In the centre there was a temple  
And Jesus went therein.

But there was a prophecy  
That Jesus would die,  
That someone would betray Him,  
And in a tomb He'd lie.

And they took Him to Pilate  
And unto the Chief Priests,  
Pilate tried to defend Him,  
But it was like fighting beasts.

And so He was condemned,  
Condemned to die,  
He was doomed to Crucifixion  
Upon the cross raised high.

And when He was raised up  
Upon the very cross,  
To Mary, His mother  
He was a great loss.

But on the third day  
He rose again,  
He was the Son of God  
And on the right hand of God He  
would reign.

CHARLOTTE EMPRINGHAM,

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

**J** is for juniors so merry and keen,  
**U** is for uniforms always kept  
clean,

**N** is for neatness which we should  
observe,

**I** stands for interest which  
teachers observe,

**O** stands for order in conduct and  
books,

**R** is for reading the best kind of  
books.

**S** stands for singing with nice Mrs.  
Coutts,

**C** is for chatting which rises to  
hoots.

**H** comes from homework which  
we must do,

**O** is ourselves and we are quite  
bright,

**O** means obedience all the day  
through,

**L** is for learning everything right.

SHELAGH HEWITT.



### THE JUNIOR CHOIR

The Junior Choir is made up of sixty girls whose ages range from nine to fourteen years. In the past this Choir has won the Kiwanis Shield three times running and so the Junior School has been able to display the prize-winning plaque for as many years. As the "Slogan" goes to press we are busily rehearsing for Talent Night. The Choir is directed by Mrs. Coutts who conducts all the choirs at Branksome and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for guidance and patience and the help which she has given us.

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### AUTUMN IN THE WOODS

Have you ever walked through the woods in October? If you have, you have seen a very pretty sight.

The sun shining on the leaves gives the trees the appearance of being on fire, with their bright colours of red, yellow and orange. As you are walking along with the leaves rustling under your feet you realize that winter is approaching. The animals, too, know winter is near. The squirrels are busy gathering nuts for their winter food. The foxes, weasles and rabbits are slowly changing their coats from browns and grays to white. During the autumn season you miss one thing—the wonderful sound of the birds because they have gone south. If you are fortunate at sunset you might see high in the sky an old honker leading his flock of geese to their winter nesting place.

Yes, winter is almost here!

SANDRA ENGLAND,



JUNIOR CLAN CHIEFTAINS

Betsy Ely (Grant), Nancy Adams (Bruce), Holly Fox (Robertson).





Junior Library

### JUNIOR BASKETBALL

This year the Junior Basketball Team, or Fifth Team, has done a very good job. Although we lost all three games, a sincere show of sportsmanship was displayed and



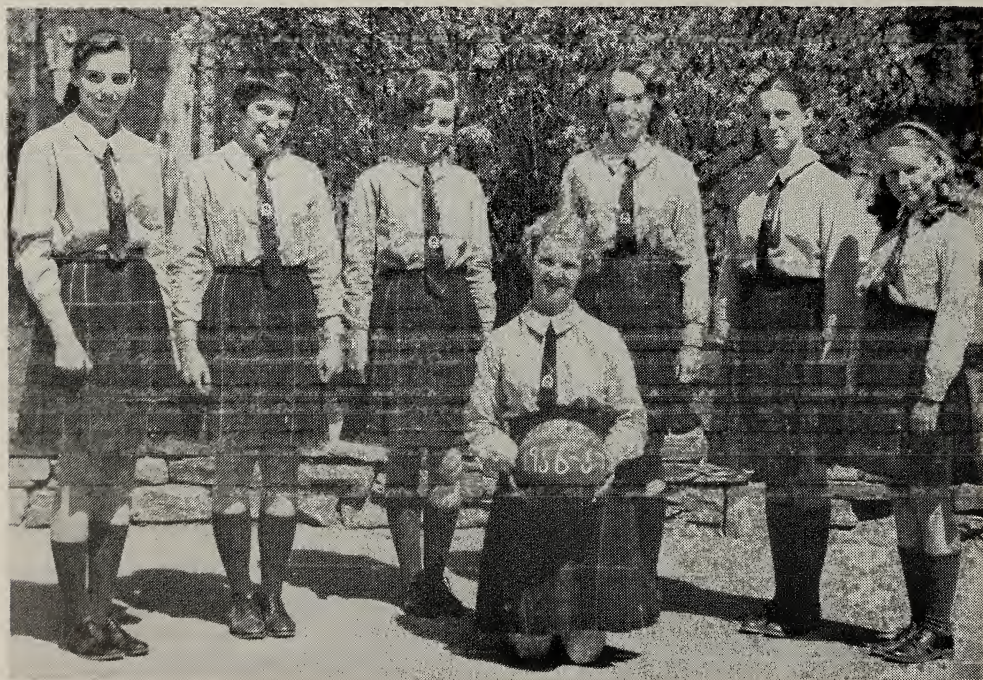
Grade Four

the whole team put forth a valiant effort.

The members of the Fifth Team were as follows:

Forwards — Susan Ridgeway (capt.), Susan Roelofson, Joy Morris, Jill Davies.

Guards — Susan Hamilton, Diana Walsh, Harriet Jones, Charlotte Empringham.



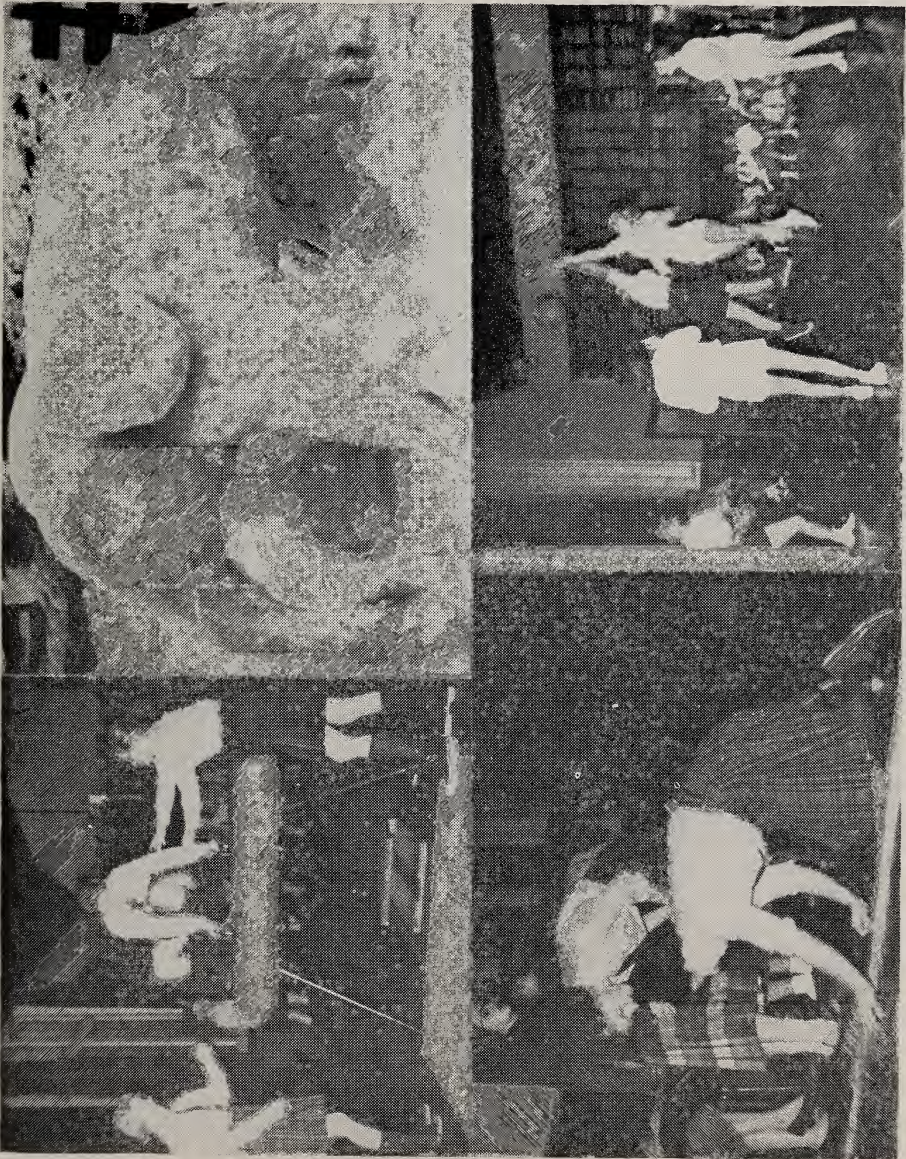
JUNIOR BASKETBALL TEAM

Front row: Susan Ridgeway (Captain).

Second row: Diana Walsh, Susan Roelofson, Gail Corbett, Harriet Jones, Susan Hamilton, Gillian Davies. Absent: Joy Morris.



# SPORTS





### CLAN GATHERING

School having been opened barely two weeks, Branksome's eight clans excitedly gathered around their assorted banners at Read-acres. The girls competed in races of various types which included a bicycle race, a potato race and a clan chieftain race plus many others. The day was a success and ended in victory for the Scott Clan.

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### SPORTS DAY

Every year we like to make a few changes at Branksome and this year a change was made in our sports schedule. The Senior Sports Day was held in the fall instead of in the early spring. We were pleased to see some parents

out to support their daughters and also to have our faithful spectators who cheer us on each year, the children from "the Home". The spirit and sportsmanship displayed was outstanding and we are pleased to be able to congratulate some outstanding winners.

Senior Champion: Joan Sanderson.

Intermediate Champion: Patricia Strathy.

Clan Relay: Douglas Clan.

100 yard Dash: Anne Dixon, Joan Sanderson.

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### BASKETBALL

This year all our basketball teams worked hard through a successful season. The school teams put up a tremendous fight



SENIOR CLAN CHIEFTAINS

Left to right: Gay Box (McAlpine), Catharine Aylesworth (Ross), Regena Russell (Campbell), Gail Burton (Maclean), Joan Henson (MacGregor), Mary Ireland (Douglas), Jacqueline Burroughs (McLeod), Margaret Benson (Scott).





FIRST BASKETBALL TEAM

Front row: Anne Moore (Captain).

Second row (left to right): Pamela Kerr, Jane Watson, Betty-Lou Joynt, Margo Dunn, Catherine Aylesworth, Margaret Benson.

against their opponents B.S.S., Havergal, St. Clements, St. Mildreds, as well as in the special games against Buffalo, Jarvis, the "Has-Been's" and the Old Girls. The two teams from IVA and IVB triumphed over all the other class teams. The winning class teams were Douglas "A" team, McLeod "B" team, and Ross "C" team. The basketball cup awarded annually to the top basketball team in the clan competition will go this year to the Douglas Clan. Our thanks goes to Miss Walworth, and Miss Hughes who made our basketball games such fun and so successful.

#### First Team

Anne Moore (Captain), Catherine Aylesworth, Gail Burton, Betty-Lou Joynt, Jane Watson,

Margo Dunn, Margaret Benson, Pamela Kerr.

#### Second Team

Joan Henson (Captain), Joan Sanderson, Joyce Sanderson, Elizabeth Aylesworth, Catherine McMullen, Jacqueline Burroughs, Gail Adams, Heather-Anne Holt.

#### Third Team

Midge Cox (Captain), Isolde Koenig, Mary Jull, Judith Joynt, Martha Robinson, Patricia Wilson, Nora Stearns, Jo-Anne Valiant, Susan Coxeter, Sandra Sinclair.

#### Fourth Team

Mary Winnett (Captain), Heather Waldie, Patricia Strathy, Wendy Thompson, Diana Style, Susan Brown, Carole Tovell, Judith Ireland.

## **OLD AND NEW GIRLS BASKETBALL GAME**

Some old (?) familiar faces appeared one Friday night in September to show that a "few years rest" never did anyone harm. Apart from the tackling and few ruffing penalties called, it could have been either team's game, but Branksome recovered in the final minutes of play to tie the score at 20-20.

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## **BRANKSOME**

vs.

## **BUFFALO SEMINARY**

February the first, an evening of international good will, witnessed one of Branksome's best basketball games. Thirty-five representatives from Buffalo Seminary travelled here to play our First, Second and Third Teams. The first half of each of the games was played by Canadian rules. During intermission there appeared (along with thirst-quenching oranges) a chalked half-way line, filled in by industrious American and Canadian girls. The Branksome teams make a gallant effort to play American rules in the last half and came through with wins over the Buffalo players.

That night the United State's visitors were royally entertained by Branksomites at their homes. On Saturday, after a ride on Toronto's subway and a shopping spree on Bloor Street, the girls came back to the school for lunch and a tour of the buildings and grounds. Amid sad good-byes, our American friends boarded the 2:30 bus for their return across the border to Buffalo.

First Team—won: 32-8.

Second Team—tied: 10-10.

Third Team—won: 28-10.

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## **HAS-BEEN'S GAME**

Saturday morning saw the first team—Bermuda shorts and all—playing a varied group of Phys, Ed. Instructors, including "petite" Miss Walworth and "charging" Miss Hughes. Although it was a practice game, the first team were thoroughly trounced to the tune of 36-9. In interviewing the wilted first team players there was an unanimity of opinion . . . **WE SHOULD HAVE STAYED IN BED.**

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## **TENNIS 1956**

For the first time in several years Branksome's Senior Tennis Team consisting of the three doubles teams, Gail Burton, Frances Wilson, Judith Howell, Ingrid Meenen, Marg. Benson, and Linda Nethery, tied for first place in the Inter-School Tennis Matches. It was a three way tie with Havergal and BSS. Branksome was closest to sole possession of first place for our tennis teams lost the two closest matches of the day.

The junior team was not quite so successful, placing third behind BSS and Havergal in that order. The junior team was Mary Jull, Diana Style, Gail Adams, Jennifer Grey, Jane Robertson and Donna Lee.

Let us hope that this year will be Branksome's year in the tennis matches. Good Luck to 1957's teams.



## SWIMMING

Our big event of the year is the Inter-School Swimming Meet against B.S.S. and the other girl's schools. Thanks to the coaching of Miss Ross and Miss Hughes we approached our opponents with a wonderful team, who displayed good sportsmanship throughout the meet, even though we placed third behind B.S.S. and Havergal. Now all have in mind our own swimming meet and the clan meets at the end of the year. We cannot forget that there are many girls who do not compete in these meets but who spend their spare time learning all they can about Water Safety and who participated in

entertaining at the Open House by giving a demonstration of their ornamental and diving skill.

**Captain:** Jeanne Monier.

**Senior:** Gail Burton, Mary Ireland, Lowell Pelton.

**Intermediate:** Wendy Thompson, Mary Jull, Virginia Ellis.

**Junior:** Nancy Adams, Holly Waldie, Faith Harrington.

## BADMINTON

"If at first you don't succeed, try try again". Try we did and try we will again. Such was the predominant spirit of Branksomites at the Inter-School Badminton meet. Par-



SWIMMING TEAM

Front row: Lowell Pelton, Virginia Ellis, Wendy Thompson, Mary Jull. Nancy Adams.

Back row: Gail Burton, Jeanne Monier (Captain), Mary Ireland.

Absent: Holly Waldie, Faith Harrington.

ticipating in the tournament were B.S.S., Havergal, St. Clements, St. Mildreds, and Branksome. The games were close and competition keen, yet the spirit of friendship between the schools prevailed over all. Branksome placed third behind Havergal and B.S.S. Branksomites are nevertheless confident that as badminton plants its roots a little deeper in our activities, Branksome will improve.

**Senior Team:** Margaret Benson, Ingrid Meenen.

**Intermediate Team:** Gail Adams, Jane Robertson.

**Junior Team:** Barbara Langley, Jill Davies.

### BOWLING

On March 6th, five girl's schools congregated at St. Paul's Church to participate in the annual Inter-School Bowling Tournament. The teams consisted of two girls from each of Havergal, B.S.S., St. Clements, St. Mildreds and Branksome. Thanks to the help of Miss Walworth, the scorers and the girls

who volunteered to be pinboys, we spent an enjoyable afternoon, placing fourth behind St. Clements, Havergal, and B.S.S.

Bowling is enjoyed throughout the year by all the girls of Branksome and we wish to take this opportunity to thank St. Pauls who allow us to use their badminton courts and their bowling alleys. **Team:** Louise Holden, Molly Strachan.

### SKIING, SKATING, TOBOGANNING

"Old Man Winter" appeared in Toronto full-heartedly this year and the results were very effective around Branksome. Many ski trips were made to Colingwood and the farm on Saturdays where the experts tackled the higher hills and the beginners tumbled down the smaller slopes.

Three days a week, we appeared at Riverdale Terrace to try our hand at skating. The remaining days of the week we graduated to toboggans and joined the juniors on the hills at Readacres.



"LEAP FROG"



# Alumnae News

Miss Read's dinner for the Alumnae was held, Saturday, April 27th. As usual it was a huge success. After dinner a short business meeting was held with the President, Shirley McEvoy Bell, in the chair. Reports were read by Jean Wahlroth and Eve King and a cheque for the Extension Fund was presented to the Principal. As it had been decided that elections would take place only every two years the same officers carry on, with the addition of this year's Head Girl, Jane Watson, to the executive. Miss Read addressed the girls. Her speech is always appreciated as she brings the Alumnae "up to date" with all events in the school and tells of future plans.

In writing of the dinner held in April, 1956, honouring Miss Read, a very important item was inadvertently omitted and that is that, present at the event, were Lillie Shannon Plant, two of her three Branksome daughters and her twin granddaughters who were in the graduating class.

The B.H.A.A. had a Sale of Home Baking and White Elephants in October, held at "Readacres". They also undertook to sell tickets for the Branksome Hall Talent Night, held in Eaton Auditorium the end of March. A full account of this delightful and interesting event is given in another part of the magazine. Peggy Essery Andrachuk is convening a bazaar to be held at the school in November.

Stella Chang Hu is lecturing in biochemistry at the University of Toronto. Jane Arnott, Katherine Broughall Geraldine Damon, Patricia Davidson, Catherine Wylie and Sheila Westman are among those completing their first year at this university. Jacquelyn Oldham is associate president of Victoria College Union. Jane Lucas graduated from the University of Western Ontario in the faculty of Arts and Science and is taking post graduate work at Toronto. Evelyn Park Springer is also studying at Trinity.

Nancy Hinchcliffe Butler is taking the Bachelor of Library Science course at the University of Toronto.

Marjorie McBride graduated from Victoria, June, 1956. Eleanor Kraft is in her third year Pharmacy at the University of Wisconsin. Margaret Bull is at Brown's University, Providence R.I. Cynthia Cooper is in the bursar's office of this same college. Dianne Dunn is attending Western University, London, Ontario at which college Louise Coffey is chairman, Women's Undergraduate Organization. Rose Seidler is at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Penn. Geneva had a "home coming" and Rose Marie was chairman of the English Club float. Judith Howell is

at King's College Hospital, London, England, studying Phsiotherapy. Elspeth Fairbairn is an Almoner at Cambridge University. Carol Whiteley is at school in Switzerland.

Elizabeth Thomson Roberts is teaching at the Laboratory School of the University of Chicago. Anne Thomson Barry is a secretary at the Danforth Epply Corporation, Wellesley Hills, Mass. Wendy Wilson has a position with the Manufacturers' Life, Toronto. Sheila Duggan is a secretary at the University, and Susan has a similar position at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Eleanor Lane Adams is secretary to the personnel manager of Canadian Arsenals, Montreal. Jocelyn Botterell is dancing with the National Ballot of Canada, her stage name is Jocelyn Terell. Linda Stearns is in London, England studying ballet. Jean Wahlroth and Barbara Ross are teaching Physical Education at Branksome.

Erica Cruikshank was named the Fanny Bulloch Workman Scholar for 1957-1958 by Wellesley College and is proceeding to England for further study. Patricia Fulford won the McLaughlin Scholarship, Ontario College of Art, May, 1956, and Jane Hetherington passed in her second year at this college.

Marion Fox Squires and Ann Duff are both members of the Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour. Each had a picture in the thirty-first annual exhibition of the work of water colour painters, held in the Toronto Art Gallery in February. Grace Meikle held an exhibition of her paintings in a private art gallery this same month.

Grace Morris Craig had a painting in the exhibition held at the Art Gallery by the Ontario Society of Artists. It was among those sent on tour of other Canadian Art Galleries. Wendy Aitken Butler took the female lead in "To Ride a Tiger" in the University Alumnae Dramatic Club's entry for the Central Ontario Drama Festival.

Under the caption "Right Turn, Right People" an account of the part which Teresa Goldie Falkner is playing in civic affairs appeared. She was largely responsible for the formation of the Association of Women Electors and has been "official observer" for the last seventeen years.

Margaret Aitken, M.P. is the only Canalian selected, this year, for a Woman of Achievement award by the American Federation of Soroptimist Clubs. Margaret received the award last July at the fourteenth biennial convention of the federation in New York.

Weddings of Old Girls about which we did not have any notices at the time they took place are those of Helen Humphries to Dr. Allan Preston, Mary Bradshaw to Mr. E. A. Hollander, the last named are living in Waterville, P.Q. Jane Barr to Mr. Milne and Wendy Large to



Mr. Stanley Douglas, October, 13, 1956. Helen Sheppard Skene is now Mrs. John Newton Dunn.

Ann Farmer, Mary Morgan and Mary Bawden were Mary Lou Farmer's bridesmaids. Rita Barr and Marilyn Rieger officiated for Constance Stiles Ainslie. Ann Gilday McBride, Mary Wilkinson and Catherine Findlay accompanied Charlotte Campbell Hector up the aisle. Faye Purdy, Vyvyan Frost, Beverley Balmer and Sandra Shaw aided Gail Purdy Pepler. June Calvert was Mildred Harris Mann's maid of honour while Sandra Drennan was a bridesmaid. Barbara Fleming, Faye Purdy and Ann Lowndes MacVittie acted for Jean Gillanders Richards.

Eleanor Ross Stewart has left Barrie to live in Toronto and Jean Caulfield Ferguson is again in town after spending thirteen years in Texas. Marriage has brought Anne Collins Cummins to the Ontario metropolis. Joan Langlois King and her doctor husband are making their home in Englehart, Ontario. Elynor Cobb McBride has deserted Montreal and is now in Oakville. Barbara Markham Kerr may be found in Greenwood, Nova Scotia where her husband is stationed with the R.C.A.F., and Marilyn Green Strupp is in England where her husband flies with the R.A.F. Mary Jean Hall Reid and family have moved to Lima, Peru. Ailsa Reid Crook is in Vancouver and Jean Reid Crawford is living in King City, Ontario. Montreal claims Barbara Davey Mutchmor, Natalie Kemp Nixon and Valinda Burruss Morris. Susan Anderson is also in the metropolis, she is librarian at the Royal Bank of Canada. Francean Campbell is music specialist in the Protestant Schools of Montreal. Noreen Laing is teaching school in London, Ontario. Rosemary Hutchison Park is living in Glenview, Illinois, she has two daughters. Betty Jack MacWilliam is making Victoria, B.C. her home and Nancy Jack Mattern is in Falls Church, Va. Dorothy Turner Holman is to be found in Aklavik, N.W.T., her clergyman husband is principal of the Anglican Residential School for Indians and Eskimos. Ellenore Lackie Donnelly moved recently to St. Thomas and Joy Clegg Green may be addressed The Rectory, Raymore, Sask. Ann Cooling Jones has joined the Peterborough Alumnae and Lois Tedman Morrow writes from Fulton, Miss. Jean Kohler Barry is in Oakwood, Ont., while Susan Marshall Oliver and Joan Candee Avery are in Ottawa. Mary Wilkinson Angus is in nearby Burlington.

Beverley Britt, now a full fledged M.D. is interning at St. Michael's Hospital. Those in training at St. Mikes are Marjorie Kay, Judy de la Vergne and Elizabeth Hall. Gail Cowie graduated from the Women's College Hospital in June, 1956. Judith Ross and Victoria Waller will graduate from the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, in three years and Gail Stephens from the Wellesley Hospital. Lynne Flight chose to train in the Hamilton General, Anna Jean McLeod in Victoria Hospital, London, Ont., and Joan Hubbell in the Cobourg General. Elizabeth Evans is

doing floor duty at Shaughnessey Heights Hospital, Vancouver. Joan Smith Grose is living in Brampton and is nursing at the Peel County Memorial Hospital, Shirley Killick is assistant occupational therapist in Banbury, England. Eunice Harris is in training at the Ottawa Civic. Marilyn McColl graduated from St. Joseph's Hospital, May, 1956.

Ora Foster Selby is on the staff of the Ontario Hospital in the Phychology department and is working with handicapped children.

Those in Great Britain are Mary Barnett, teaching school in England's metropolis. Janet Sinclair secretary to the Public Relations Officer, Ontario House, London, and Joan Engholm in the Interior Department of Harrods. Eleanore Daymond Hulland is in Edinburgh, for two years, where her husband, a doctor, is doing post graduate work. Marriage took Ann Vale Dodds to London, England.

Catherine Catto Bate and her husband are going to England for a year, the latter is to study at London University. Nancy Dibblee McLean leaves in June for three years in Germany where her husband who is with the R.C.A.F. has been posted.

Madeleine Cantelon spent the winter in Phoenix, Arizona, while Mary Lou Rennicks was in Louisville, Ky. Ruth Langlois Smith, Mary Anderson and Jessie Lucas spent a few weeks together in Florida. Zillah Caudwell MacFarlane visited this same state. Kathryn Shirriff Reid was in California in April, and Mary Hendrie Cumming, O.B.E., visited Canada in March.

Constance Cann Wolf, who can always be counted on to do "something different", obtained a Civil Aeronautics license for Free Ballooning, one of a few to qualify in the world. She visited Mauritius in January. Louise de Blecourt has a position as secretary at the Canadian Embassy, The Hague. Bonnie Taylor returned from a trip round the world in April. Jocelyn Hodge spent the winter in Spain.

Amy McLean Stewart is president of the Board of the Victoria Day Nursery and Eleanor Brooks Woolley is assistant treasurer. Three national Vice-Presidents of the Imperial Order, Daughter of the Empire are Branksome girls, Jean Hanna Alward, Dorothy Harding Sinclair and Ethel Cook Walkey.

Jean Crawford Smith is staff officer to the Flag Officer, Naval Division, in Hamilton. She is the first regular force Wren officer to attain the rank of lieutenant-commander.

Janet MacDonald made a most efficient property mistress for the Port Carling summer theatre.

Althea McCoy had the thrill of designing and supervising costumes for the New York production of Moliere's "The Misanthrope".



Editha Johnston McLennan is a member of the Kamloops, B.C. library staff. Helen Calhoun is in charge of the Graduate Records Office, Victoria University, Toronto.

Claire McMullen is supervisor of water safety services, Ontario Division of the Red Cross.

As most of you knew, Shirley Mair wrote a most excellent article about Miss Read which was published in the March number of Maclean's Magazine.

Henryetta Edwards has a part in "Sailor Beware" at the Strand Theatre, London, England. The play has been running for nineteen months and will probably continue for another year. She took the part of a student nurse in the movie "A Lamp is Heavy" which was shown at the Odeon theatres, Toronto. On the side Henryetta is interested in antiques and she and a friend have stalls at two antique markets.

In residence are the daughters of Phyllis Vanderburg Thomas and Mary Rowell Jackman. Louise Spencer Newbury, Vancouver, sends us two daughters and Lillian Buckley McMurray's second girl is with us. In the day school are two more daughters of Marjorie Watson Tow, two daughters of Jean Loblaw Dawson and two sons of Patricia Grant Clark. Margaret Henderson Corrigan sends another daughter. Joyce Frankel Kofman, Margaret Donald Elgie, Katherine Lea McLean and Margaret Harrison Cross each contribute a daughter. Another of Mary Stuart Playfair Lorriman's five boys is in the Kindergarten, as are also the sons of Fay Young Empringham, Christine Auld West, Katherine Dawson Warner and Mary Wilder Macdonald. We have another Margaret Eaton in the school, a niece of Margaret Eaton Dunn.

When writing the school married members of the Alumnae are asked to include their maiden name. This would be of great assistance to our office staff.

Jane Morgan Brooker was in Mexico last winter. She was so impressed with all she saw, especially the town and environs of Acapulco that she was inspired to write the following poem:

### ACAPULCO

Blue—so blue is the sky above,  
 Deep—so blue is the Sea—  
 The pounding roar of a heavy Surf  
 On a beach so wide and free;  
 Endless the Sands, untouched by  
 time,  
 Clean, as the day of birth,  
 Ageless Patterns, from the ebbing  
 Tide,

Changeless, from the dawn of  
 Earth:  
 Steep and rugged the Mountain  
 Hills  
 Boulder strewn surround  
 The Bays and Inlets, out of sight  
 Appear, from the higher ground,  
 As the winding Roads, each hand  
 hewn,

From five hundred feet, to the Sea,  
Awe the Traveller time and again,  
And will—to Eternity:

Adobe Huts all thatched with  
Palm,  
Open for all to see  
The smiling People, so soft of  
speech,  
Having siesta—under a tree;  
Majestic Hotels on Cliff and Shore,  
'Midst poverty, centuries old,  
With music and song, from present  
and past,  
The Native stories are told:

Sidewalk Merchants in the Street,  
Bargain their wares away;  
The Beggars stand with out-  
stretched hand,  
While street Musicians play;  
Strong are the Bulls, so bred for  
the Ring,  
Brave is the Toreador,

So fleet of foot is all the Team,  
Banderollo, Peone and Picadore:

Gulls and Pelicans wheeling above  
The homeward fishing boat,  
While slowly passing in the wash,  
A Native Funeral Float,  
Quietly paddling over the Bay  
Alone, with his flower-decked  
mound,  
Far 'round the Cliffs and Water-  
ways  
He goes, to the Burial Ground:

Diving Boys from the towering  
Cliffs,  
Jump—to the boiling Sea,  
Where Dolphin and Sailfish, leap  
in the light  
Of glittering Majesty;  
Paradise, is this lovely Port,  
Where soft the Winds do blow,  
As the burning Sun, forever shines  
On Acapulco Mexico.

Jane Brooker, February, 1957

### MARRIAGES — 1956

Norma Dellow to Donald R. Fraser, March 24th.  
Joan Archer to David Trevor Moore, May 5th.  
Catherine MacEwen to John R. Hannan, May 29th.  
Charlotte Campbell to Richard I. Hector, June 2nd.  
Anne Tourgis to Herbert H. MacFarlane, June 2nd.  
Georgina Laing to Jas. R. Gibbs, June 2nd.  
Goodith Feilding to Brian Heeney, June 2nd.  
Mary Glazier to Eric R. Erickson, June 8th.  
Helen German to Rodney M. Read, June 9th.  
Joan Turnbull to Frederick G. Hamilton, June 15th.  
Mary Lou Farmer to Jas. S. Hinds, June 16th.  
Constance Stiles to Wm. H. Ainslie, June 16th.  
Mary Dickson Ringland to Ludwig W. Gindl, June 21st.  
Elaine Goodeve to Robt. H. Dowler, June 23rd.  
Jean Gillanders to Wm. L. Richards, June 23rd.  
Susan Wallace to Wm. E. Forsman, June 23rd.  
Eleanore Daymond to Thos. J. Hulland, June 27th.  
Judith Broome to Murray E. Wilkinson, July 3rd.



Joan Pritchard to John R. Moriarty, July 14th.  
 Elizabeth Thomson to Arthur C. Roberts, July 21st.  
 Sally Jane Dibblee to Michael B. Pengelly, August 3rd.  
 Judith Hotchkiss to Crawford Lyttle, August.  
 Margaret Bennett to Cecil A. Hitchcock, August 25th.  
 Joan Candee to Donald H. Avery, September 1st.  
 Shirley Bates to Douglas E. Robinson, September 1st.  
 Jean Kohler to R. C. Barry, September 8th.  
 Barbara Tobias to Jack C. Cliff, September 15th.  
 Wendy Brunton to Kenneth R. Bateman, September 15th.  
 Ann Sutherland to H. Clifford Howard, September 29th.  
 Wendy Simpson to Alexander Hutchings, October 5th.  
 Jane Macaulay to Jas. C. F. Clark, October 11th.  
 Gail Purdy to Roger M. Pepler, October 13th.  
 Patricia Barron to Robt. E. Renaud, October 20th.  
 Mildred Harris to Donald C. Mann, October 20th.  
 Susan Marshall to Richard J. Oliver, October 20th.  
 Joy Logie to Paul H. L. Nichols, October 27th.  
 Kathleen Campbell to Geo. F. Dennis, October 27th.  
 Gail Cowie to John C. Turner, November 3rd.  
 Mary Wilkinson to Peter J. Angus, November 9th.  
 Joan L. Smith to Bruce H. Grose, November 10th.  
 Myrne Harris to Christopher C. Hart, November 10th.  
 Constance McKay to John D. Coleman, November 17th.  
 Anne Collins to Wm. W. Cummins, November 24th.  
 Annella Minnes to A. H. d'Argos, December.  
 Carol Jean Merritt to Stephen S. Koladich, December 15th.  
 Carol O'Flynn to Frederic G. Inglis, December 29th.  
 Nancy Hinchcliffe to Ian Butler, December 29th.

### **MARRIAGES — 1957**

Aimee Gundy Rykert to G. Fielding Biggar, February 1st.  
 Margaret McGinn to John C. Jamieson, February 2nd.  
 Barbara Davey to Jas. S. Mutchmor, February 16th.  
 Jean Reid to Robt. D. Crawford, February 22nd.  
 Kathryn Tait Howard to F. J. L. Clegg, March 20th.  
 Nancy Lyle to A. J. A. Morrison, March 30th.  
 Glenna Fletcher to George A. Fierheller, April 17th.  
 Barbara Markham to Stanley R. Kerr, April 27th.

### **BIRTHS — 1955**

Grace Hortop Reinke, a daughter, by adoption, December.  
 Ruth Stevens MacBeth, a daughter, December 24th.

**BIRTHS — 1956**

Anne Matthews Binns, a daughter, March 17th.  
Joan Sanderson Dark, a son, April 16th.  
Ruth Mitchell Newton, a son, April 26th.  
Barbara Drew Brook Harris, a daughter, May 14th.  
Barbara Annand Salmonson, a daughter, May 14th.  
Carol Hendry Duffus, a daughter, May 20th.  
Margaret Smythe Lye, a son, May 25th.  
Ann Godsall Mills, a son, May 25th.  
Lee McGillivray Till, a daughter, May 26th.  
Ann Cawthra Coneybeare, a son, May 27th.  
Barbara Croft Sider, a daughter, May 30th.  
Gretchen Gaebelein Hull, a son, May.  
Mary Stuart Playfair Lorrinan, a son, June 7th.  
Betty Rough Macintosh, a daughter, June 14th.  
Jane Anne Rees McClelland, a son, June 17th.  
Elizabeth Greene Rhind, a son, June 24th.  
Mary Lou Lyon Morgan, a son, June 25th.  
Maisie Mehlenbacher Sharp, a daughter, June 26th.  
Joan Bradfield Spence, a son, June 28th.  
Audrey Budgeon Cheadle, a daughter, June 29th.  
Alma Hatch Howson, a son, June 29th.  
Marny Latimer Thomas, a daughter, July 3rd.  
Sylvia Thomson Fry, a daughter, July 6th.  
Lorna Keene Firstbrooke, a son, July 8th.  
Mary Anne Featherstone MacLean, a daughter, July 12th.  
Peggy Alexander Curlew, a daughter, July 15th.  
Barbara Matin Benson, a son, July 15th.  
Joan Myrden Smith, a son, July 16th.  
Dorothy Turner Gore, a daughter, July 18th.  
Lyn Hogarth Clark, a son, July 18th.  
Hester Stronach Cowan, a daughter, July 23rd.  
Jeanne Montgomery Smith, a daughter, July.  
Frances Snetsinger Blaettler, a son, August 1st.  
Alice Cochrane Cardy, a son, August 3rd.  
Sally Dalton Wallace, a son, August 10th.  
Joy Jerry Titmarsh, a daughter, August 11th.  
Sally Evans Thomson, a son, August 12th.  
Judith Waddington Donaldson, a son, August 12th.  
Joan Vanstone Livingston, a daughter, August 17th.  
Joan Irwin Macrae, a daughter, August 19th.  
Joan Tamblyn Waddell, a daughter, August 25th.  
Joyce Loudon Short, a daughter, August 26th.  
Eve Cassels Bongard, a daughter, August 27th.  
Margaret Kilgour Cameron, a daughter, August 28th.



Mary Joyce Phelan Russell, a son, August 31st.  
Mary Ruth Austin Macdonald, a son, August.  
Mary Ann Robertson Walker, a daughter, September 7th.  
Peggy Seagram Hull, a son, September 13th.  
Kathryn Moore Bolt, a daughter and a son, September 15th.  
Jacqueline Fenton Tyrrell, a son, September 18th.  
Nancy Charles Clayton, a son, September 29th.  
Jean MacIntosh Tamblyn, a daughter, October 1st.  
Luci Deck Shaw, a daughter, October 1st.  
Virginia Henderson Peake, a son, October 2nd.  
Louise McLaughlin Hall, a son, October 3rd.  
Barbara Effinger Robinson, a daughter, October 10th.  
Nancy McFarren Da Costa, a son, October 12th.  
Judith Shoebottom Down, a son, October 24th.  
Margaret Winans Elliott, a son, October 27th.  
Olive Crombie Bain, a daughter, October 29th.  
Kathleen Deacon Hof Meyr, a son, October 30th.  
Margaret Kyle Austin, twin sons, November 14th.  
Nancy Edmonson Fear, a daughter, November 17th.  
Eleanor Cobb McBride, a son, November 17th.  
Nancy Webster Matheson, a daughter, November 20th.  
Patricia Stockton Denhoff, a daughter, November.  
Margaret Muir Kennard, a daughter, December 3rd.  
Willa Birks McDougall, a daughter, December 14th.  
Jane Cantley Gibson, a daughter, December 24th.

### BIRTHS — 1957

Marilyn Maclean Powter, a son, January 7th.  
Anne Matthews Binns, a daughter, January 11th.  
Kay Stambaugh Greene, a daughter (by adoption), January 12th.  
Marjorie Apedaile Jack, a daughter, January 21st.  
Mary Binnie Lake, a daughter, January 21st.  
Susan Wallace Forsman, a daughter, January 23rd.  
Jane Thompson Morris, a daughter, January 27th.  
Molly Clappison Bishop, a son, January 27th.  
Louise Park Newquist, a son, January 27th.  
Jane Early Mustard, a son, January 28th.  
Ann Gilday McBride, a son, January 30th.  
Allison Zimmerman Taylor, a son, January 31st.  
Elizabeth Matchett McClelland, a daughter, February 2nd.  
Joan Adams Atkinson, a son, February 2nd.  
Joan Ferrabee Sutherland, a son, February 4th.  
Mary Crouch Denton, a son, February 4th.  
Gilda Walwyn Gunton, a daughter, February 5th.

Thelma Kerr Thomson, a son, February 8th.  
 Molly McMurray Tait, a daughter, February 9th.  
 Joan Bradley Baird, a daughter, February 10th.  
 Donna Mackenzie Bonnick, a son, February 14th.  
 Joan Burgess Langmuir, a son, February 15th.  
 Briar Wright Hahn, a daughter, February 16th.  
 Jean McLachlin Filteau, a daughter, February 17th.  
 Bonita Hsiung Lee, a daughter, February 21st.  
 Joan Archer Moore, a son, February 22nd.  
 Mary Galbraith Thompson, a daughter, February 27th.  
 Marjorie Archibald Wilson, a daughter, March 1st.  
 Eloise McGee Peirson, a son, March 1st.  
 Suzanne Chisholm Patterson, a daughter, March 4th.  
 Mary Elizabeth White McNair, a son, March 7th.  
 Diana Hawkins McCall, a daughter, March 11th.  
 Flora Wakefield Tully, a son, March 13th.  
 Mary Lou Farmer Hinds, a son, March 15th.  
 Isabel Longfield Roxborough, a son, March 17th.  
 Lorna Tolmie Andrew, a son, March 21st.  
 Ellenore Lackie Donnelly, a son, March.  
 Lois Sutton Lefebvre, a son, March 31st.  
 Joan Candee Avery, a son, April 12th.  
 Francesca Harrison Fullerton, a son, April 14th.

### DEATHS

Mr. Ernest M. Henderson, husband of Dorothy Grant Henderson and father of Lee, June 24, 1956.

Mr. J. Royden Gilley, husband of Evelyn Hearst Gilley, August 22nd, 1956.

Dr. Archibald C. McGlennon, husband of Isabel Bryce McGlennon, September 17th, 1956.

Mr. James A. Empringham, husband of Fay Young Empringham and father of Charlotte and Mary Ellen, October 14th.

Lt.-Col. Thos. R. Caldwell, O.B.E., husband of Dorothy Code Caldwell, November 2nd, 1956.

Mr. Norman G. Leishman, husband of Isobel Clemes Leishman, December 9th, 1956.

Mr. Wm. Warwick, husband of Edith Kelk Warwick, Feb. 28th, 1957.

Mr. J. W. Magee, husband of Mary Johnston Magee and father of Jane and Sally, March 25th, 1957.



## **In Memoriam**

**Anne Croll Gleason Beard, October 21st, 1956**

**Susan Ross, December 1st, 1956**

**Doreen Shaw Routledge, December 2nd, 1956**

**Shirley Somerville Renison, January 6th, 1957**

**Shirley Halsted Kline, January 26th, 1957**

**Marian Ainslie Kidd, February 4th, 1957**

**Helen Borrett, February 14th, 1957**

**Kathleen Cahill Bankier, April, 1957**

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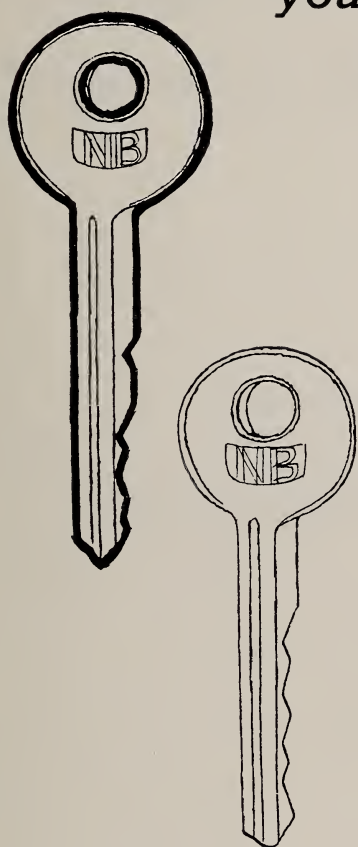
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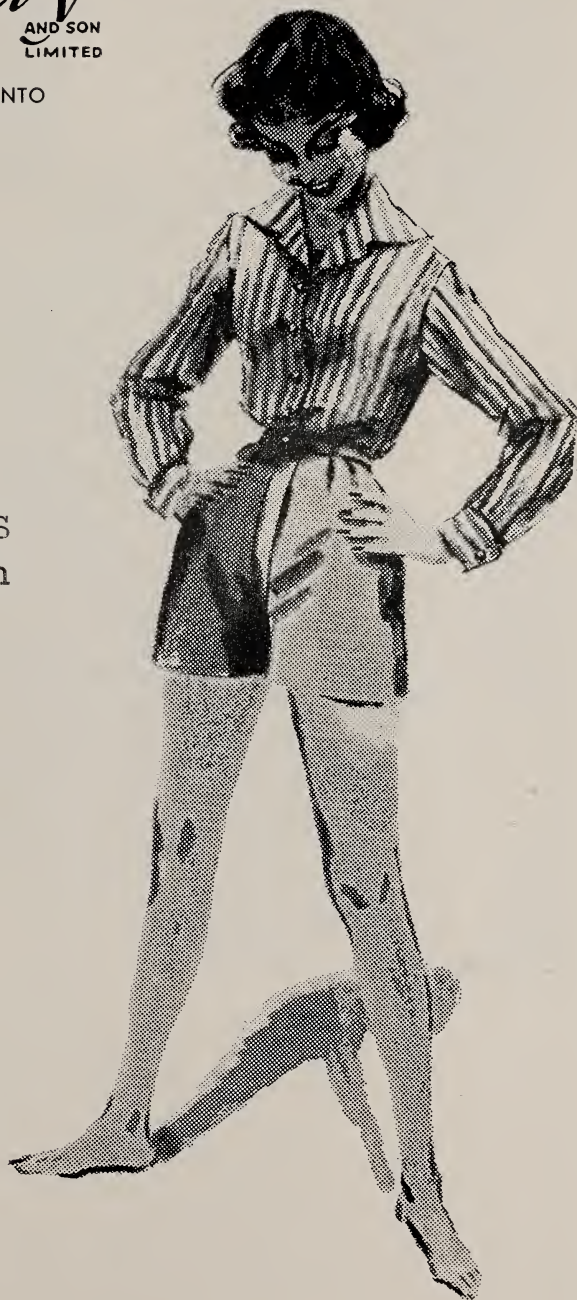
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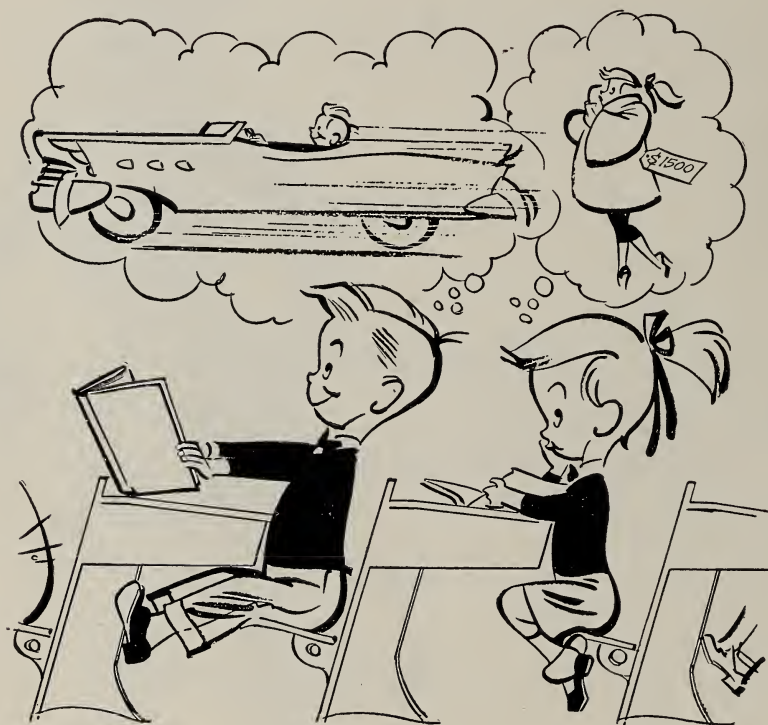
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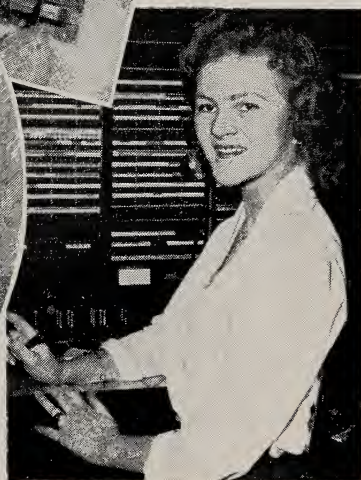
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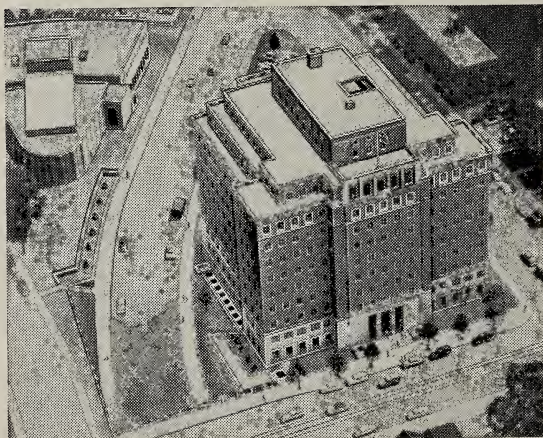
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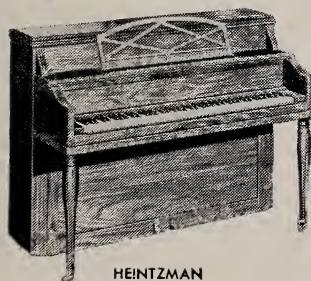
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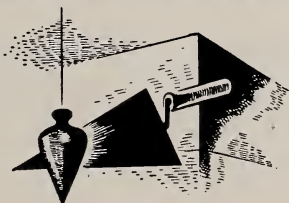
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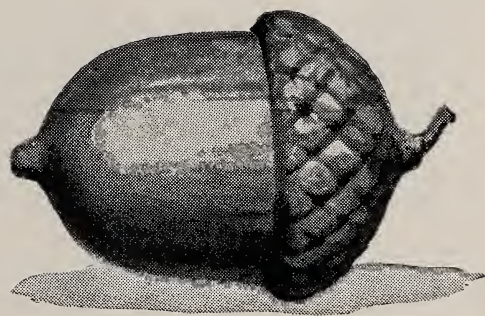
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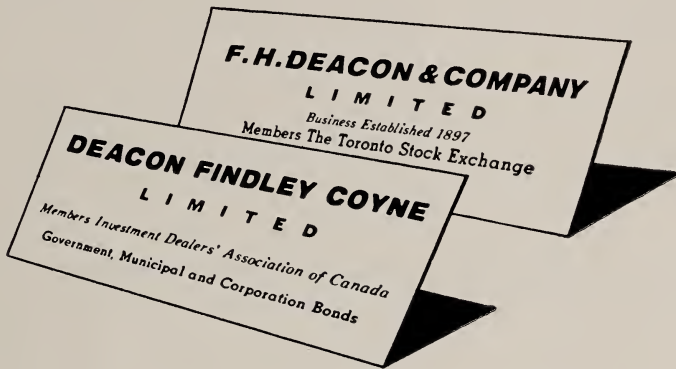
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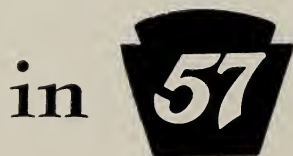
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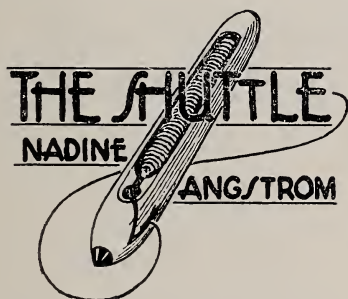
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